



June 2021 Newsletter

As Covid restrictions ease and life returns to normal, you may find yourself re-engaging in social activities, spending more time out in the community, and enjoying summer tourism! Let's recommit to **Reduce**, **Reuse**, and **Recycle** as we resume summertime fun. Let's also review our composting options and properly dispose of our e-waste.

Salem's ReOpening

Here are some things to remember when exploring Salem:

BYOB -- stash a reusable bag in your purse, backpack, or glove box! Salem's been [plastic bag free](#) since 2018, and retailers may hand out paper bags, or plastic ones thicker than 4 mil that are reusable at least 125 times. Did you convert a t-shirt to a reusable bag at one of our past workshops? Show it off!

What other items are easy to BYO? Tuck a reusable straw and spork in your daybag, and avoid these disposables altogether.



Public recycle bins - what to recycle when you're out playing tourist, here in Salem or elsewhere? Store-bought beverage containers, whether metal, plastic or glass - recycle them empty, with caps either ON or tossed out. How about *clear* plastic to-go cups from iced coffee? Recycle the empty cup, but toss out the thin plastic lid and straw. *Colored* plastic cups are low-value and go in the trash.

These should **never** go in public recycle bins: food, liquids, paper hot cups, foam cups & containers, black plastic to-go containers, plastic utensils, paper napkins, sandwich- and snack-wrappers, chip bags. When in doubt, throw it out!

Composting in Salem

Composting in Salem is easy with a few different options for how to do it! Reminder to [check out our website](#) for the most up to date on composting locally.

1. Curbside Composting

Join the many Salem residents who participate in curbside composting with Black Earth Compost for just \$9.99 a month.

Pictured left, SalemRecycles committee members (and neighbors) Tony and Erin share a Black Earth Compost curbside bin. Yes, you can share with a friend, cutting your monthly fee in half!



2. Mack Park Drop Off Compost Bins

[Click Here to Register](#)

Salem residents can drop off food waste and organics ONLY in brown paper bags or compostable bio bags.

These bins are available 24/7 for you to drop off compost at your convenience, for free.

3. Home Composting with The Earth Machine

Watch your food scraps turn into compost in your own backyard!

Please call Micaela Guglielmi at 978-619-5672 to order a discounted, at home compost bin for \$25 (1/2 price!) pictured to the right.



4. Other At Home Methods

Did you know you could compost indoors with worms (vermicomposting), you can make your own pile in your back yard or try out another vessel like a tumbler?

E-Waste Event

Our next E-Waste Event will be June 26th from 8am-12pm at Salem State's O'Keefe Center Parking Lot on Canal St. [Facebook event here](#).

Please stay in your vehicle the whole time and have your items ready to unload in your trunk, truck bed or hatchback – items will not be unloaded from car seats. Please wear a face covering and have your cash or check ready (payable to RMG Enterprise).



Recycle Anything with a Plug:

- * \$20 for each TV or monitor
- * \$20 for each Freon appliance (refrigerator, AC, freezer, dehumidifier)
- * \$20 for exercise equipment (treadmill, bike, elliptical, etc.)
- * ALL other electronics FREE: computer tower, laptop, tablet, cell phone, small appliances, household electronics, printer, fax, VCR, CD player, etc.

Please NO commercial drop-offs or white goods (including washers, dryers, stoves). Call Waste Management at 800-972-4545 to schedule a free white good curbside pick-up.

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