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Don't Toss It-Fix It!

Announcing SalemRecycle's first ever **Repair Café**

Saturday, August 5, 2017

9am – noon at ****[The Bridge at 211](#)**, 211 Bridge Street in Salem

What is a repair café, you ask? It's neighbors helping neighbors.



Volunteers will be on hand to mend clothing, sew buttons, sharpen scissors and knives, rewire lamps, tinker with electronics, glue wooden furniture, and repair or diagnose camera problems. There will even be refreshments (that's the café part).

It's free. A limited number of participants can preregister by e-mailing jrose@salem.com. Others will be served on a first come, first served basis.

This is part of an international movement. Repair cafes are popping up all over the world. In addition to "reduce, reuse recycle," think "refresh, refurbish

and repair."

If you have a skill to share, contact Julie Rose at jrose@salem.com

*** Note: the parking lot is small, but there is a free lot nearby on Bridge Street, just beyond St. Peter Street. (Next to the Bit Bar Restaurant.)*

Recycling Update

1. Tetra paks, also known as "shelf stable" cartons, can no longer be recycled. These soft sided boxes usually hold soy milk, soup, juice, wine, etc. They are made of mixed materials, with a 'metal/plastic' inside pouch. There is currently no market for this specific item.
2. We often get asked about plastic cutlery--plastic cutlery is NOT recyclable. One alternative is compostable cutlery which can be added to commercial compost if it is marked ASTM D6400-04 or ASTM D6868-03. These products meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications for compostable plastic. GreenWare and Vegware are the major brands.



3. When purchasing compostable forks, bowls, packaging, etc. look for look for BPI-certified compostable products, not biodegradable!

We will continue to keep you posted as things continue to change.

Thanks for recycling!

Tips for Summer Fun!

- Pack towels, beach toys, etc, in reusable bags
- Pack meals, snacks and drinks in reusable containers
- Use cloth napkins, reusable plates, cups, and utensils.
- Bring two bags (or bins) to keep your trash & recyclables separate.



Click here for an interesting article--[Seven Ways to Pack a Zero Waste Picnic.](#)

Curbside Composting– What's the Deal?

We get lots of questions about the little green rolling bins that are placed curbside. These are for Salem's residential compost pick-up program.



It's run by Black Earth Compost and anyone can participate. They pick up weekly and will take things you would never put in your backyard composter, such as dairy products, meats and bones, seafood and shells, paper napkins and towels, even greasy pizza boxes!

Here's a link to their [composting guide](#).

Why compost? To reuse and recycle a valuable resource, and reduce waste. Compost provides much needed nutrients for plants--without chemical fertilizers.

The cost is nominal, just a little over \$8/mo (\$98/yr), and participants are entitled to a portion of free compost in the spring.

Here's a great idea--give a year of composting as wedding, anniversary or birthday gift!

To sign up contact Black Earth at blackearthcompost.com

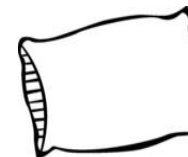
Textile Recycling -- Q & A

Q – Can I recycle bed pillows?

A – Sadly, no. Bed pillows must be disposed of in the trash.

Q – Can I recycle decorative pillows?

A – Yes! At Goodwill. Goodwill will take decorative pillows.



Q – I have textiles I'd like to move on now. Do I have to wait until the textile drive in November?

A – No! Goodwill will take all textiles at their collection stations. They need to be clean, but they don't need to be sellable.



Goodwill trucks are located at the Stop & Shop at Vinnin Square in Swampscott and at the parking lot of the Stop & Shop at 19 Howley Street in Peabody. Trucks are staffed 8 am – 4:30 pm seven days a week.

Upcoming Fall events:

- September 16 – Book Swap, Council on Aging, 5 Broad Street, 10–1 pm
- September 24 – Bag It movie at Cinema Salem, 10 am
- September 30 – E-Waste Recycling, Salem High School
- September 30 – Household Hazardous Waste Day, Salem High School
- October 5 – Haunted Happening Parade
- November 18 – Textile Recycling, Riley Plaza

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