



January 30, 2019

Free Repair Cafe -- This Saturday, February 2
Don't Trash it, Fix it!

Repair Cafe
9 - 11:30 am, The Bridge at 211
Dickson Room, Lower Level
211 Bridge Street, Salem

The Repair Cafe: neighbors helping neighbors and keeping things out of the waste stream. Volunteers will be offering these free services:

- Sewing by hand and machine. Includes darning, mending, seams, hems, buttons and more
- Tinkering, Electronic & Lamp Repair/Rewiring
- Basic Jewelry Repair
- Ceramic Gluing
- Knife Sharpening



You can bring **two to three items** (more only if time allows). Park in the small parking lot at 211 Bridge St, or park nearby & walk over. Open to Salem residents only.

This event is co-sponsored by SalemRecycles and the Bridge at 211. Questions? Contact Julie Rose at jrose@salem.com; 978-619-5679.

How well do you and your neighbors recycle?

Recycling in Salem: "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"
Results from a recent audit show:

The Good — Salem's contamination rate has **dropped** from 28% last spring to 18% in the fall. Some wards are doing a great job with contamination rates as low as 3%!

The Bad — Our goal is a contamination rate of under 10%! We're not there yet, but

thanks to recyclers like you, we're improving.

The "Ugly" — Ward 5, which covers many of the neighborhoods on both sides of Lafayette Street, from New Derby South to the Marblehead line, had a **contamination rate of 40%**. We are leaving educational information on recycling bins and hosting informative and fun events in an effort to get this neighborhood back on track!

Why? Among others, one of the biggest problems is plastic films, such as bubble wrap, air pillows, and recyclables nicely wrapped up in plastic bags along with cardboard cartons that were not broken down.

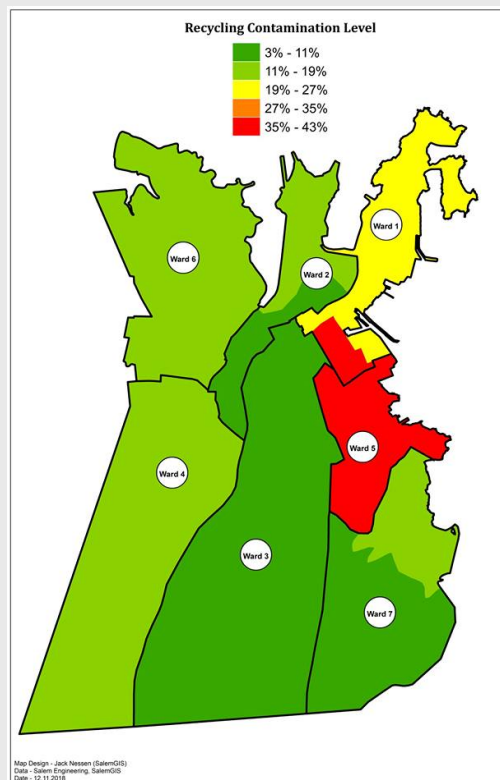


Is Amazon creating a problem of Amazonian proportions?

The lesson is to empty and **break down** the boxes, let the air out of the packing pillows and recycle them along with plastic bags at the grocery store.

Visit the [SalemRecycles Facebook](#) page or click on the image to see a city-wide map of the audit, by ward.

For a complete list of what you can and cannot recycle, visit: the FAQ at [salem.com/recycling](#). Scroll down the page for a comprehensive list. **Print it out and keep it handy!** You can also check out [RecycleSmartMA.org](#) and search for items in the "Recyclopedia" to determine if you should or not not recycle them!



Big News--Recycling Continues to Expand in all City Schools

Financed by a grant from MA DEP

RECYCLE

Empty bottles, cans and cartons.
All paper, cardboard, magazines and newspapers.
As of June 2018

DO NOT RECYCLE

NO liquids, styrofoam, plastic bags, paper towels/tissues, straws, juice pouches, wrappers or utensils. Place those in the TRASH

Last year Salem received a competitive grant from MA DEP to increase and improve recycling in the schools. **Now there are recycling containers with educational posters in every classroom in Salem!** A meeting with school custodians helped facilities staff better understand the challenges custodians faced with the recycling program so they could provide the resources they needed. The next step is underway--educating teachers and students about what can and cannot be recycled. Progress!!

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