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## ***Announcing New Changes to Your Recycling and Trash Pickup***

### ***Here's What You Need to Know:***

#### **1. Weekly Recycling Pickup**

- Same day as your trash. Now you can recycle **every week!** And there is no limit to the amount of recycling you can put out.

#### **2. All Cardboard Must Be Recycled**

- If cardboard is not recycled and it is included in your trash, it will not be picked up!
- **State regulations** ban the disposal of cardboard as trash (including all types of cardboard, thin as well as corrugated). All boxes must be flattened and bundled no larger than 3 ft by 3 ft.

#### **3. Three Trash Barrels Per Household**

- Each family or household (meaning each apartment, condo, single-family house, etc.) may put out no more than three barrels or three bags of trash per week. These barrels or bags must be no larger than 35 gallons each, and weigh no more than 50 lbs.
- In addition, each household may put out one bulk item per week such as a mattress or couch.

**Beginning January 1, 2009 these limits will be strictly enforced.**

These changes are part of the the new Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Contract that the City has entered into with Northside Carting, Inc. of North Andover MA. (978) 745-0635.

**[www.salem.com/recycling](http://www.salem.com/recycling)**

# ***What Should I Recycle in Salem?***

## **Mixed Paper and Cardboard**

"If it rips, recycle it" in a paper bag, bundle, or separate bin. Do not put loose paper or cardboard in the same bin as mixed containers.

### **Corrugated cardboard and paperboard (required):**

- Must be recycled—will not be picked up as trash.
- For example: refrigerator boxes, tissue boxes, towel rolls.
- Flatten all boxes and cut or fold down to 3ft x 3ft.
- Bundle and tie or stuff in a paper bag or separate bin.
- Only the clean parts of pizza boxes—rip off and trash greasy parts.

### **Mixed Paper:**

- All colors and textures. Must be able to tear. Must be clean; staples and plastic envelope windows are OK.
- Wrapping Paper

***Not recyclable:*** dirty takeout containers, juice boxes, foil-lined paper (such as nut containers), Tyvek or Mylar envelopes, photographs, cloth covered books, or plastic-coated paper.

## **Mixed Containers**

Rinse and place in your bin with lids and caps removed.

### **Glass:**

- Bottles and jars (any color)

***Not recyclable:*** window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, vases or pyrex.

### **Metal:**

- Cans (aluminum, tin and steel)
- Aluminum (clean foil and pie plates)
- Tin (cookie tins, clean pie plates)
- Metal jar lids (removed from jars)

***Not recyclable:*** paint or oil cans, cans with metal bottoms and paper sides, or any metal objects not listed above.

### **Plastic:**

- All plastic food or household product containers.

***Not recyclable:*** plastic bags or Styrofoam (even if it has a recycling symbol! Note—you can recycle bags at many local grocery stores), containers with hazardous materials such as motor oil—check [www.mass.gov/dep](http://www.mass.gov/dep) for appropriate disposal.

**Questions? Call the Engineering Department at (978) 619-5673**