



City of Salem
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Waste Management and the City of Salem
are proud to provide residents with
**NEW AUTOMATED WASTE & RECYCLING
SERVICES** beginning November 2, 2015



Important information regarding upcoming
changes to Waste & Recycling Services.

This information applies only to households
serviced with the new waste contract.

Para obtener la versión en español de esta tarjeta postal,
por favor ingrese al departamento de reciclaje y basuras
en la página web www.Salem.com.

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Dear City of Salem Resident,

Exciting new changes to our trash and recycling program will be taking place this fall. Waste Management, our trash and recycling provider, is pleased to provide this information to prepare you for the changes to come, which will make Salem a cleaner and better place to live.

A new and improved trash and recycling collection program will begin **November 2, 2015**. A summary of the changes is outlined in this brochure. Note that all residents will receive a more comprehensive guide in the mail in late September, which will include information on proper waste and recycling, as well as a collection calendar.

New Trash and Recycling Collection Program

Beginning in November, trash and recycling carts will be collected by an automated process in most neighborhoods. Special trucks with 'arms' will pick up your carts and deposit their contents into the truck.

NOTE: Only supplied carts will be collected - trash barrels, blue recycling bins, or any other receptacles will no longer be acceptable or collected.

In general, every household in Salem will be given a set of two special carts. The smaller black cart (64 gallons) is for trash. Only items that cannot be recycled should go into the trash cart. The larger blue cart (96 gallons) is for recycling. Recycling will be collected every other week. **Remember — recycling is mandatory in Salem.**

The carts will be delivered directly to households starting Monday, October 5, 2015. It will take a couple of weeks to complete the full delivery. If you do not receive your carts by October 19, please contact the City at (978) 619-5673. Carts are the property of the City and are to stay at the residence. Please do not use these carts until Monday, November 2, 2015.

Trash & Single Stream Recycling Collection

Unless you are otherwise notified, your curbside trash collection day will stay the same. Trash will be collected weekly in the black 64-gallon cart. Overflow bags may be purchased at Crosby's, Ace Hardware, or City Hall for when you have additional trash.

Recycling will be collected every other week in the blue 96-gallon cart. NOTE: a Recycling Collection Schedule will be included in the upcoming mailer in late September, indicating which weeks your recycling will be collected. If your recycling cart has a green lid, your recycling will be collected on the Green Weeks. If your cart has a blue lid, your recycling will be collected on the Blue Weeks. Salem is offering 'single stream' recycling, which means that paper, plastic, glass bottles and cans may all be mixed together in your recycling cart.

Bulk Items And Mattress Collection

Bulk items and mattresses are items that are too large to fit inside your 64-gallon trash cart. Bulk items will be picked up by appointment only. Beginning November 2, 2015, please contact Waste Management at (800) 972-4545 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a bulk item collection. Bulk item collections will be made on your recycling collection day/week.

Bulk items DO NOT include electronics, construction debris or hazardous items. Go to GreenSalem.com to learn how to dispose of these items.

Yard Waste Collection

There are no changes to the Yard Waste Collection Program. Yard waste will continue to be collected by a separate truck on the Yard Waste Collection Weeks outlined on the city calendar. Yard waste can be placed in paper lawn bags or you can use your current trash barrels for yard waste.



RECYCLE OFTEN.
RECYCLE RIGHT.™



Great things happen when Salem residents use **Recycle Often. Recycle Right**™. When everyday items like those shown below are recycled, tons of raw materials, time, energy and money are saved. Plus the recycled materials become new products, and the cycle continues.

- Use your 96-gallon blue cart with either the blue or green lid.
- Recycling will be collected every-other-week.
- No sorting is needed.
- Do not put recyclables in plastic bags.
- Containers that held food should be rinsed and free of food debris.

Acceptable materials for curbside recycling include:

Always recycle:



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Food & Beverage Cartons



Glass Bottles & Containers

Do NOT include in your mixed recycling cart:



NO Food Waste
(Compost instead!)



NO Plastic Bags & Film
(Find a recycling site at plasticfilmrecycling.org)



NO Foam Cups & Containers
(Check Earth911.org for options.)



NO Needles
(Keep medical waste out of recycling. Place in safe disposal containers like Waste Management's MedWaste Tracker® box.)

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