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RECYCLING IN SALEM IS MANDATORY

Dear Salem Resident:

As you may know, recycling is now **MANDATORY** in Salem. Below are a few tips to make it easier.



PAPER

must be kept separate from plastic & other recyclables.



CARDBOARD

must be recycled and broken down into 3' x 3' pieces.



PIZZA BOXES

clean parts can be recycled, stained side cannot.



MILK/JUICE CARTONS

Cannot be recycled. Please toss with trash.



MIXED CONTAINERS

*(cans, glass & plastic containers) must be **empty & clean**. And must be **separate** from paper.*



PLASTIC BAGS

cannot be recycled curbside, but can be at grocery stores.



STYROFOAM

*(including meat & produce trays) is **NOT RECYCLABLE** despite symbols on bottom.*



See reverse side for more on the "WHYS" to recycling responsibly!

For extensive information on recycling, reuse & repurposing go to:

GREENSALEM.COM or **SALEM.COM/RECYCLING**



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

**RECYCLING EARNS MONEY FOR SALEM
AND IT'S GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.**

Here is additional information to help you better understand Salem's recycling program.

PAPER

Paper & cardboard are processed in different locations from the mixed recyclables, so must be separated. Paper can be placed in a paper bag and put into the same bin with mixed recyclables.

CARDBOARD

State law mandates that cardboard **MUST** be recycled. To fit in the recycling truck, boxes must be broken down into a 3' x 3' size.

PIZZA BOXES

Stained boxes contaminate other recyclables and attract vermin. Usually the top is clean—rip it away from the greasy bottom—and recycle with paper.

WAXED CARTONS & FOIL CONTAINERS

Unfortunately, **waxed milk & juice cartons** and **foil-lined containers** CANNOT be recycled. Please dispose with trash.

MIXED RECYCLABLES (CANS, GLASS & PLASTIC)

Cans, bottles and plastic containers must be empty and clean to avoid contaminating other recyclables and attracting vermin.

PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic bags are not recyclable curbside! They cannot be used to hold any recyclables (including papers), nor put into curbside bins because they get snagged in recycling equipment during the sorting process. *They can be recycled at most grocery stores.*

STYROFOAM

Despite recycling symbols on styrofoam products, there is a very limited market for this material. *Includes meat and produce trays!*

**BULKY RIGID PLASTICS, METAL &
SENSITIVE/PRIVATE DOCUMENT SHREDDING**

take to North Shore Recycled Fibers
53 Jefferson Ave. | Mon-Fri, 7AM-3PM | select Sats

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Check websites on reverse side for dates and times.



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Dear Salem resident/property owner,
Re:

As you know from the previous letter you received, mandatory recycling became effective in Salem October 1, 2013. This letter is a final warning that if non-compliance of the mandatory recycling ordinance persists, you will receive a fine.

To ensure compliance with the new City Ordinance, any resident who places solid waste (trash) curbside shall, not less than every other week, simultaneously place recycling curbside in a designated container (paper/cardboard should be placed in a separate bin). To demonstrate compliance, in the event that the recyclables are collected prior to the collection of solid waste, the emptied recycling receptacle must remain curbside until the solid waste has been collected.

Residents who have not complied with the ordinance for more than 2 consecutive weeks will receive warnings with fines, imposed upon the owner of the property, for a third and subsequent offenses. This letter has been sent to you because your residence has not complied with the ordinance more than 2 consecutive weeks and to explain the benefits of recycling for the community our City.

The City of Salem pays more than \$60 per ton to remove trash and the average person produces about a ton per year. However, when recycled properly, the City pays nothing to remove plastic, metal and glass and sells the paper and cardboard for over \$20 per ton. In addition, more recycling means more jobs are for collecting and processing the materials and there are obvious benefits to the environment and public health.

Please contact me if you have questions about the ordinance, how to get or designate bins or to discuss the do's and don'ts of recycling in Salem. If you fail to comply with the Ordinance within the next two weeks, you will receive a fine pursuant to the mandatory recycling ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cohen
Mandatory Recycling Enforcement Coordinator