

RECYCLING NEWS

Cleaner Greener Hingham

Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee of Hingham

From the Transfer Station

Collection Shed for Re-Usable Latex Paint now Open:

Your leftover latex paint, if still in good condition, can now be remixed for Re-Use instead of becoming waste.

The Latex Paint Shed is located next to the book collection area on the right as you enter the Transfer Station. Ask a staff person to access the shed. You must open the cans to check if the paint is still usable (no off odor, "skin," mold or lumps and no rust inside the paint can). Re-Usable paint is taken to Recolor in Hanover where it is remixed and colored and available for resale at a deeply discounted price.

Questions?:

<http://recyclereuserpaint.com/is-my-paint-recyclable.html>

If your latex paint is no longer usable, dry it with kitty litter or paint hardener and put into the trash compactors.

Shed will be open to accept re-usable latex paint until November (paint cannot be re-used if it freezes).



Is your Transfer Station Permit (Sticker) Up to Date?

Did you know that all residents who visit the transfer station need a permit sticker on their car? One sticker per household is free to those who reside here full time. If you already have a sticker, please check to see that it is current. All green round stickers have expired. All black round stickers will expire in 2018 at the end of the month which corresponds with the last number (not letter) on your license plate. For example, if your car's license plate is 250 GLB, the sticker would expire in October 2018 because 0 is the last number which corresponds to October, the 10th month. You can get a new blue square sticker by visiting the Department of Public Works office which is located at 25 Bare Cove Drive. You will need to bring the car or truck that you wish to put the sticker on and the registration. If your sticker has not yet expired and you are selling or trading your car, don't forget to scrape the sticker off the windshield and bring it in with you to get a new one. If not, you will be charged \$25 for a 2nd sticker for your household. If you are new to town, a part time resident, or have questions about getting a sticker for a leased car, or have any other questions, please visit the DPW website at www.hingham-ma.gov/292/Transfer-Station. DPW's office hours are posted there are well.



Hingham High School's Green Team Wins MassRecycles K-12 Recycler of the Year Award for School Recycling

for creating games and competitions that focus on sustainable goals for their school.

Hingham High School Green Team students have brought green practices into their fellow student's lives through constant reminders like Treeless Tuesday and Waste Not Wednesday, and competitions called Slash the Trash, with material going to onsite composting.

Recap of Household Hazardous Waste Day

Residents from 207 households brought hazardous waste to Hingham's Annual Hazardous Waste Collection day on 5/12 at Plymouth River School. We thank residents for making this effort to dispose of materials which are toxic to our environment correctly. Please refer to <https://hingham-ma.gov/256/Household-Hazardous-Waste> for information on which materials you may have in your home which should be stored and brought to a future Household Hazardous Waste Day.



SUMMER TIME RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION



As the weather heats up and the days grow longer, we spend a lot of time spent outside in our beautiful environment we want to protect. So, while you're out enjoying events like Hingham's July 4th Fireworks, Road Race and Parade, please make every effort to recycle correctly and consider some of the ideas below to reduce waste (sustainable practices that also save our town waste disposal costs).

Our DPW places outdoor **recycling bins for plastic, glass and aluminum bottles and cans** next to trash bins all around town and regularly picks up from these bins. Please make sure to put **ONLY** these recyclables into the bins and avoid putting recyclable bottles and cans into the trash bins. Once trash and recycling are mixed, the town has no way to separate them and we are at risk of being cited for having recyclables in the trash we send for incineration at SEMASS. Around town you will see different kinds of bins, some set up to attempt to thwart our resident seagulls who tend to litter our beaches and fields as they dig through trash bins...

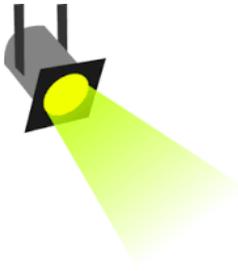


Our outdoor recycling bins cannot accept paper for obvious reasons (rain and dew are not consistent with good paper recycling...), so if you are bringing newspapers/magazines on your outing (or receive a printed program at an event) please take them home for recycling with paper.

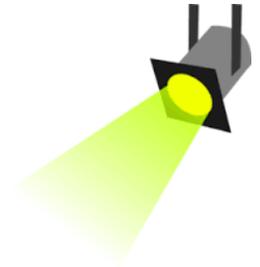
Whether you're hosting a cookout for friends, planning a major summer event or simply getting out to enjoy the warmer weather, recycling should be a part of your plan rather than an afterthought. Don't let your responsible recycling habits take a vacation!

And Summer time is a good time to consider waste reduction strategies such as:

- Using re-usable water bottles consistently instead of single use plastic water bottles.
- Using lightweight re-usable plates, cups and utensils for summer outings and bring them home to the dishwasher.
- Buy yourself a nice cooler and reusable ice packs or bags instead of purchasing bags of ice and Styrofoam coolers.
- Keeping a bag in your car to hold recyclable bottles and cans and plastic drink cups, allowing you to recycle them once you are home or find a bottle and can recycling bin around town or at a rest stop along the road.
- For summer camp days, sending your child with a re-usable lunch bag and re-usable containers for sandwiches and other snacks. Bulk packages of cookies and other snacks are always cheaper than single serving packaging and reduces waste.
- At your cookouts, put out clearly labelled collection containers for bottles and cans to help your guests sort and make your cleanup easier. If you want to work toward zero waste, put out reusable napkins, plates, cups, and cutlery at your next party. When this isn't practical and you must buy disposable, try to find paper products that are made from recycled materials to help close the loop.



SPOTLIGHT ON MODEL WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PRACTICES AROUND TOWN



We are turning a Green Spotlight onto local businesses/citizens who are doing their part to make a Cleaner Greener Hingham

Kelly O'Keefe/Tryst Studio

Kelly has brought her passion for waste-reduction, sustainability, and green living to her skincare studio and spa located in Downtown Hingham.

1. What are some of the practices that you/your business do to contribute to a Cleaner Greener Hingham?

This is a bit of an ongoing project for us as unfortunately it's far easier to ruin the environment than protect it. Currently we have introduced a single stream recycling program in-house for all packaging, trash, and bottles and jars used in the studio. We have also introduced clean and environmentally friendly detergents and cleaning products that do not come in plastic. We are huge fans of Dropps cleaning supplies.

2. Why is this important to you/your business?

We all play a part in being responsible for leaving behind a better earth than what was given to us. Not only that but now, more than ever, it's on us to clean up the mess the last generations have made. I feel it's my duty as a business owner to provide my staff and customers with the cleanest environment possible. As a business owner I have a platform to speak on the things that are vital to the environment and if we walk our talk it tends to rub off and educate people on how they can do better as well.

3. What impact have you seen from you customers?

To date, not many clients are aware of what we do behind the scenes and that's ok: we have many ideas emerging that will make an impact on our clients and the environment.

4. Do you have a dream Cleaner Greener Hingham project you'd love to do with your business?

We intend on working with other like-minded businesses to make our voices heard on the plastic epidemic. It's completely overwhelming to look at my store and see the amount of plastic we are selling and using daily - my goal is to work only with companies who will provide eco-friendly packaging and products. Ultimately Tryst wants to be on the forefront of environmental responsibility.

Brian Houlihan/Trident

Brian is a chef and owner of Trident in the Hingham Shipyard, and Galley, Bia, The Tinkers Son and Hank's Clam Shack. Brian has implemented earth-friendly practices in his businesses and is a champion of recycling.

1. What are some of the practices that you/your business do to contribute to a Cleaner Greener Hingham?

We have gone straw-less at all of our restaurants. The straws we do use if someone requests one are compostable and made out of corn. We use cloth napkins instead of paper. All our take-out containers are compostable. Ice and water leftover at the end of service is used for our plants and herb garden. We are working with our recycling company to provide the means to recycle food waste separately like we do in our other locations.

2. Why is this important to you/your business?

It's just the right thing to do. One of our core values is not to be wasteful. We find ways to make use of everything we bring in, it starts with food but extends to everything else as well.

3. What impact have you seen from you customers?

Most of what we do goes unnoticed out of the sight of the guests. When we went straw-less though...we had a huge positive response! We were a little surprised but it has been awesome!

4. Do you have a dream Cleaner Greener Hingham project you'd love to do with your business?

To move forward on recycling food waste separately from trash. Unfortunately, in our industry there is a lot of food waste that can be repurposed in the form of compost for fertilizer to grow more food.

Do you know a local business or citizen we should highlight? Contact us at recycling@hingham-ma.gov