

Salem Dispatch

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New Automated Garbage and Recycling Program !



Beginning in May of 2013 the Town of Salem will move forward with a new automated garbage and recycling program for residents who currently receive curbside collection services. This new program will replace the 18 gallon recycling bins and individual trash containers. The new program is designed to: increase the amount of material recycled; reduce the amount of garbage going into the landfill; limit the amount of litter and debris; and **keep the cost of garbage and recycling services low**. Each residential unit will receive **two free 96 gallon carts**, one for trash and one for recycling. The Garbage cart will have a black lid and the recycling cart will have a gray lid. Trash and recycling will continue to be collected on a weekly basis. The carts have wheels, a handle, attached lids, and are very easy to move even in the worst weather.

- **When will I get the new carts?** It is anticipated that the new carts will be delivered during the last two weeks of April 2013.
- **What is the first day the cart will be picked-up?** The first cart pick-up will begin the week of May 5, 2013
- **What should I do with the old garbage cans and recycling bin?** The current garbage cans and bins will not be allowed for future pick-up. You can keep the cans and bins for your own use or place them near the curb with a sign indicating that you would like them taken away.
- **Can all the recyclables be mixed together?** Yes. Studies have shown that when single stream recycling is allowed the amount of material recycled increases.
- **Will the new carts and pick up system raise my taxes or increase the garbage fees?** No. The cost of garbage and recycling pick-up will remain the same.
- **Will my collection day change?** No. The date of your garbage and recycling collection will remain the same. Garbage and recycling will continue to be picked-up on a weekly basis.
- **Where do I place my carts for collection?** Place both the garbage and recycling cart at the curbside as you do now. Be sure to have a least three feet between each can. Carts may be placed at the curb the night before the collection and should always be at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on the date of pick-up.
- **Can I still use my other cart or can?** No. Since this is an automated pick-up system only Town of Salem issued carts will be emptied. Automated pick-up allows the Town to keep the cost of garbage and recycle down.



Service Provided by Johns Disposal Service, Inc. (262) 473-4700 / (888) 473-4701

Hazardous materials should not be placed out for collection.



A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been set for Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Kenosha County Center from 8 am-1pm . The County Center is located at 19600 75th Street, Bristol.

YARD WASTE DROP OFF

Yard Waste is accepted by the Town beginning April 15th of each year. Drop off ends December 1st. Yard waste can be disposed at the Old Highway Department Building located at 11200 258th Court in Trevor. **Drop off is for Salem Residents only.** Drop off hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and walk up drop off on Saturday and Sunday.

Application of Fertilizers Within the Town of Salem

With the arrival of Spring, the Town of Salem would like to remind you that there are regulations regarding the application of fertilizers. On June 12, 2006, the Town of Salem passed Ordinance No. 06-06-12B regarding the application of certain fertilizers within the Town boundaries. The ordinance required that all fertilizers must be phosphorus free. Please take this under consideration as you purchase these types of products or purchase lawn care services for the upcoming season.

Smoke & CO2 Detectors

With the change to daylight savings Time, it is a good idea to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. It is now a State of Wisconsin requirement that a working carbon monoxide (CO2) detector be installed in all commercial and residential building units.

2013 Park Pavilion Rental



You can reserve the Salem Community Park Pavilion for your next Family Reunion, Birthday Party, Graduation Celebration, Company Picnic or Special Event.

Ball fields, concession area, and electric available.

Contact Eileene at the Town of Salem for more details and to reserve your date today. (262) 843-2313, eanderson@townofsalem.net

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

The Public Safety Department would like to remind citizens that local ordinances concerning property maintenance are enforced again in Spring as things begin to dry up in and around yards and homes. Please check your property and remove debris and junk as necessary including abandoned automobiles without registration. For details concerning the property maintenance ordinance please refer to the Town of Salem website and click on local ordinances.

UNWANTED MEDICATION DROP OFF:

Please be aware of the new service offered by the Town of Salem concerning "unwanted or expired" medications. In partnership with Kenosha County and the Drug Enforcement Administration you can now drop off those unwanted medications at the Town Hall (Mon-Fri) between 8am-4pm and feel secure that they are being destroyed in a manner consistent with law enforcement policy and procedures. There are some restrictions that apply so please call our staff prior to drop off.

Child Safety Seat Inspection



The State of Wisconsin requires that all children less than 8 years old utilize a Child Passenger Seat. It is estimated that the overall critical misuse for child restraints is about 73 percent. To learn how to properly use a Child Passenger Seat (Car Seat) contact a Certified Town of Salem Fire / Rescue Child Passenger Safety Technician for a FREE child seat inspection. You may reach them at 262-843-2439 x 5635.

Tornado Safety

- In a home or building, avoid windows. Move to a basement, and get under a sturdy table or the stairs. A specially-constructed "safe room" within a building offers the best protection. Use an internet search engine and search for "safe room" for more information.
- If a basement is not available, move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and cover yourself with anything close at hand: towels, blankets, pillows. If possible, get under a sturdy table, desk or counter. Put as many walls as possible between you and the storm.
- If caught outdoors, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to shelter, get into a vehicle, buckle your seatbelt and drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have two options as a last resort: - Stay in the vehicle with the seatbelt on and place your head below the windows. - If you can safely get noticeably lower than the roadway, exit the vehicle and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Do not seek shelter under an overpass.
- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes. You should leave a mobile home and go to the designated storm shelter or the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building.
- At school, follow the drill. Go to the interior hall or room. Crouch low, head down, and protect the back of your head with your arms. Stay away from windows and large open rooms like gyms and auditoriums.



FREE ! Tornado Spotter's Class

Kenosha County Emergency Management will be sponsoring a basic and advanced Severe Weather/Tornado Spotter's Class. The Basic Class will be Tuesday April 9th, and the Advanced Class will be Tuesday April 16th, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Kenosha Public Museum, 5500 1st Avenue, Kenosha. Interested parties should call 262-605-7900 for more information.

