

# EASY WAYS

## To Reduce Your Trash Amounts

***Ever wonder how much trash you should put out for collection each week?*** Studies show the average household (family of 4) should generate only **two 15-gallon bags** per week. That equals a half filled 36-gallon trash container.

***Do you have more trash than this amount?*** Follow these ideas below, and see how easy it is to reduce what you are putting in the trash:

- ✓ **RECYCLE all you can** in the curbside collection program. More items now accepted with RI Recycles Together - see details at [www.rirrc.org](http://www.rirrc.org).
- ✓ **Make Recycling Easy** - Have two separate containers - one for trash and one for recyclables in multiple spots at home. Sorting right at the beginning, will insure you keep recycling separate from the trash.
- ✓ **Be Consistent** - We need to recycle every day and everywhere in NS. Don't see a recycle bin somewhere? Just let me know.
- ✓ **Ask Don't Just Trash** - Not sure what to do with a certain item? Go to the ***How Do I Dispose?*** page or give a call. Once an item gets thrown in the trash, it can no longer be separated and unfortunately a usable material is wasted.
- ✓ **Consider Donating** – so many organizations want good useable items. *Savers, Big Sisters, RI Donation Exchange and Salvation Army* are just a few. The *Red Shed Bike Shop* is looking for bikes to repair and reuse. These groups help their organizations while keeping these items out of the landfill - a plus for all!
- ✓ **Use Drop-Offs in Town** - NS can keep many items out of the trash by simply bringing to our highway garage or locations in town. For a complete listing see **What Can We Recycle**.
- ✓ **Spread the Word** - Share the importance of recycle and waste reduction with all those in your household, family members and friends. Understanding what to do and the benefits will encourage all.