

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.
- ✓ **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.