

TRASH TALK...

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Residents of Salter Square, we need to work together to keep Salter tidy. **Since garbage collection is every two weeks**, we encourage everyone to use their green bins, as pickup is **weekly** year-round; blue and black box pickup happens on alternating weeks.



Reducing garbage by improved recycling / green bin use: Initially, green bins were not collected every week, and this made the contents very unpleasant. *Unfortunately, some folks gave up on using the bins.*

We urge residents to give it another try. Recycle *and* use your green bin for every bit of food waste. During the warm weather, stash meat trimmings and bones in a bag in your freezer and add them to your green bin the night before garbage collection. Any paper or cardboard with food stains also goes in the green bin. (Only clean paper/cardboard gets recycled.)

Cleaning the green bin with a hose, some soap and vinegar also helps prevent maggots. Green bins can be lined with bags, newspapers and yard clippings to help keep them cleaner and prevent freezing in winter.

I love my green bin, especially now it's emptied every week! Every shred of food waste goes in the bin. We have very little garbage now, and it isn't so smelly.

I put some paper at the bottom of the bin, then just throw in the food items. I haven't needed to buy fancy liners.

Can't imagine life without a green bin now! B.E.

Safeguarding garbage. Residents who do not have garden sheds or garages will need to protect their garbage from invasion by wildlife and pets. Rinse meat trays and refrain from placing meat leftovers in garbage cans. Lining your garbage can with a heavy-duty plastic bag may reduce pests. Some people have success keeping squirrels away from garbage cans by attaching a mesh bag containing dog or cat hair.

Set out garbage AFTER 6 p.m. the day before pickup. Store all items awaiting garbage collection **in your yard**, ensuring that garbage is in a secure storage area.

Wildlife. We seem to have an increased presence of wildlife—and efforts are underway to remove some critters (raccoons, skunks, etc.). If we can make Salter less appealing to scavenger animals, we'll be safer. And remember, **DO** not feed the squirrels! Use animal proof containers or put out garbage in plastic bags **in the morning** to prevent ripped bags. Clean up if your own garbage if it has been strewn all over the pick-up area.

Pet waste. Residents with dogs are reminded that all dog waste must be picked up and disposed of in their own garbage bins or flushed down the toilet. Notices will be sent to all who are suspected of not abiding by this Condo regulation and notices are subject to a \$30 administration fee. If it is necessary to send a second notice the fee will increase to \$50. **Cats are subject to the same rules.**

Need a new bin? Want a reminder about when to put out recycling? The City will replace broken bins, and will send an email reminder about garbage collection. Check it out at:

<http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/garbage-and-recycling>

THANK YOU to every resident who contributes to keeping Salter tidy! Together, we can do it.