**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.