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Happy

Holidays



## 2018 Was A Good Year

KBVB would like to thank all the people, businesses, and municipal partners that helped support our program throughout the year.

Reaching our goals to end litter, reduce waste and beautify our communities cannot be accomplished without your help. Thank you for all the progress we made this year, while we look forward to further progress in 2019.

### ***Supporters in the Blackstone Valley:***

**Burrillville:** Pascoag Utility District, Town of Burrillville

**Central Falls:** Broadway Transmissions, City of Central Falls, CVS, Family Dollar and Mimi & Pops Ice Cream.

**Cumberland:** Cumberland Library, Pinnacle Properties Management and Town of Cumberland.

**Lincoln:** ACS Industries, ArtVac Corporation, Calise Bakery, CCRI, ChemArt, Cushman & Wakefield, Tanury Industries, Town of Lincoln, Twin River Casino & Hotel, Valley Breeze, and Windmoeller & Hoelscher.

**Pawtucket:** Anchor Recovery, Bake My Day, Blackstone Market, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, City of Pawtucket, Delin Design, Joe's Central Avenue Grill, PawSox, Pawtucket Library, Pawtucket Pawn Broker, Plouffe's Diner, Slater Mill Historic Park, Sparkle Laundromat, Stillwater Books, Tavares Market, Ten31 Productions, The Guild, The Mercurio Group, and YMCA.

**North Smithfield:** Kohl's, Lowes Home Improvement, Stop and Shop, Sunoco, and Town of North Smithfield

**Smithfield:** The Last Resort and Town of Smithfield.

**Woonsocket:** City of Woonsocket and Property Advisory Group.

### ***and additional supporters:***

Ace Mattress Recycling, Fox Rock Properties, Keep America Beautiful, Narragansett Bay Commission, RI Department of Transportation, RI Resource Recovery Corporation, Sun Pacific



## Don't Drop Your Butts

Message traveling through RI

Have you seen our ad? KBVB was lucky to be awarded a grant from *Keep America Beautiful* to combat cigarette litter in our communities. We were able to advertise with a program on our RIPTA buses.

Hopefully, many will see this message and never drop their butts on the ground. They can now use the cigarette collection containers located in many bus stops and businesses in the Blackstone Valley.

## Cigarette Collection Containers

still available at no charge

Is cigarette litter a problem at your business site, community park or municipal spot?

KBVB is here to help. Through a grant program with Keep America Beautiful and Phillip Morris, you can receive these containers free by just agreeing to install the container and empty as needed.



KBVB has already placed over 60 containers in the Blackstone Valley. We know there could be more locations these containers would also help.

Call for the details. Let's make 2019 a litter-free year!



## YMCA of Pawtucket Students Get Creative

The students at the YMCA used their art skills to create a life-size Y from the YMCA logo.

While the project is beautiful to look at, the students constructed this project with the environment in mind.

The project was made from reusing cardboard boxes, covering the 3D shape with plaster, and then adding the colorful painted design. Along the Y, you will see the messages; **Recycle** and **Please Don't Litter**, two topics that were discussed during a recent visit with KBVB.

The students wanted to remind those visiting the YMCA to care about our environment by recycling and never littering -- two very easy things we can do everyday.

Visitors are welcome to stop by the YMCA to see the artwork in person at 8 Summer Street, Pawtucket, RI.



Art Teacher, Phil Ashley shares his students project.



## RECYCLE through the Holidays

Americans generate 25% more trash than normal this time of year. Please don't just toss it all in the trash. Follow RIRRC's recycling rules below.

You won't miss good recyclables and just as important, you won't add wrong items in with your recycling.

**Shape matters** when it comes to what items you place in your recycling. Metal, glass and plastic should always be container shapes items, not just odd shape pieces of metal, glass or plastic. Paper items should be flat, so always always flatten boxes and wrapping paper.

### **METAL: Cans, Lids & Foil**

- **Do recycle metal cans, lids and foil**, like empty pie filling cans and clean foil pie plates
- **Don't** recycle any other metal items (e.g. a metal coat hanger or foil party hats are not containers and cannot go in the recycling)

### **GLASS: Bottles & Jars**

- **Do recycle glass bottles and jars**, like empty wine bottles and sauce jars
- **Don't** recycle any other glass items (e.g. glass ornaments or light bulbs are not containers and cannot go in the recycling)

### **PLASTIC: Containers**

- **Do recycle plastic containers**, like empty tubs of butter, margarine, or pudding
- **Don't** recycle any other plastic items (e.g. a plastic toy or plastic plates are not containers and cannot go in the recycling)

### **FIBER: Paper, Cardboard & Cartons**

- **Do recycle paper, cardboard (flattened) and cartons** like wrapping paper, greeting cards, and empty egg cartons
- **Don't** recycle any other items made from natural fibers. (e.g. no wooden toys, cloth napkins, wine corks, etc.)



**#1 Item Contaminating our Recycling ...**

## **Plastic Bags**

**This continues to be the biggest problem with RI recycling.  
Help correct this. Never put plastic bags in your recycle bin.**

[Click to find how to properly dispose plastic bags](#)



## **Go Green in 2019**

*Volunteers always welcome & needed as we plan for our next year.*

Keeping Blackstone Valley Beautiful is a goal in which we hope everyone will take part and participate. There are a variety of ways....

Join us at a litter cleanup or start one of your own, share recycling information at your organization's meeting, beautify a local area you see in your town, or help plan our KBVB events. The options are endless. For more ideas and suggestions visit:

[\*\*Get Involved\*\*](#)



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*Learn how you can get involved, see upcoming events, make sure you are recycling right, & view listings of job opportunities.*

[KeepBlackstoneValleyBeautiful.com](http://KeepBlackstoneValleyBeautiful.com)

## **KEEP BLACKSTONE VALLEY BEAUTIFUL**

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KBVB mission is to inspire & empower individuals to improve our communities through ending litter, reducing waste and beautify the Blackstone Valley.

