

Mixed Recycling or Single Stream

Mixed Recycling or Single Stream means that paper materials no longer need to be separated from containers—all acceptable items can be mixed together.

The benefits of Mixed Recycling include cost effective collection with a compaction truck, reduced transportation impacts, increased convenience for residents, and often increased recycling rates.

One of the primary challenges with Mixed Recycling is increased contamination, the amount of non-recyclable materials that are put into recycle bins and ultimately disposed.

Residential customers should contact their municipal office to confirm what is accepted and how recycling bins should be prepared.

Source Separated

Source Separated means that metal cans and plastic and glass bottles and jars can be placed in one container and “paper-products”, (newspaper and cardboard), can be placed in another container. By separating these items you will keep the paper products clean and dry and your items will have a 50% better chance of being recycled instead of ending up in a landfill.

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The charts below will help identifies the paper, plastic, metal and glass items that are recyclable curbside and instructions on how to properly prepare these materials for collection. **Recyclables should always be EMPTY, CLEAN, and UNBAGGED.**

Include	Example	PREPARATION	Do Not Include
Newspapers	Inserts acceptable	Remove plastic newspaper bag	Plastic Bags, plastic films
Cardboard	Shipping boxes, box packaging for toys, electronics, appliances, etc.	Empty & flatten boxes	Packing foam, air pillows, bubble wrap, any wet, greasy materials, pizza boxes
Aluminum Cans	Soda, Beer, Sparkling water	Empty, rinse clean, place in recycling bin	Liquids, food product
Tin/Steel Cans	Tuna, cat food, canned foods	Empty, rinse clean, place in recycling bin	Liquids, food product
Plastic bottles & jars #1 & #2	Drink bottles, Food jars, milk & laundry detergent marked #1 or #2	Empty, rinse clean, place in recycling bin	to-go containers, Styrofoam, plastic egg cartons, deli, bakery, berry, salad, and produce containers, #3 thru #7
Glass bottles & jars (brown, green, clear)	Soda, wine, water, beer, sauce, pickle bottles & jars. Green, clear and brown glass	Empty, rinse clean, place in recycling bin, do not break glass	Ceramic, coffee mugs Crystal and leaded glass, window panes, mirrors, lightbulbs
Remember-WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT.			

If you do not see an item on this list or are not sure if it is clean enough to recycle, do not put it in your recycle bin. If a load of recycling contains non-recyclables – even by just a fraction – that entire load risks not being recycled.