

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ABOUT SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING



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IN HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Why Single Stream?

Single Stream Recycling allows Haverford Township residents to mix recyclable paper, plastic, aluminum cans and glass in one bin. This method of curbside recycling is more convenient for residents because it requires no sorting of items. Besides that, it has other advantages:

- Collection costs are reduced because collection is automated; and collection routes are serviced more efficiently by eliminated need for multiple vehicles.
- ALL your recyclables go in one container
- You can recycle MORE types of items
- Encourages MORE residents to recycle

When does Single Stream start?

The new Single Stream Collection process started January 2, 2009.

How is this better than my old way of recycling?

The Single Stream method requires no sorting of recyclables by you – it's a method that allows you to put all of your household recycling into one cart, and is easier and more convenient.

What if I like using the small blue bin... can I continue to use it?

You are welcome to keep using the small bin, or you may purchase a new 32-gallon recycling container from the Public Works Department. The cost to purchase a new 32-gallon container is \$18.00, which is a reduced rate from what the Township is paying. If you wish to utilize your old trash cans, you can obtain free recycling stickers to place on the sides of the cans.

Has my recycling pickup schedule changed?

Yes. Each household has one pick-up each week. Please refer to your recycling calendar for your scheduled trash and recycling schedules. You can get another recycling calendar by calling the Public Works Department at 610-446-1000, ext. 263.

What items go in the cart?

See the list of accepted materials in the inside pages of this brochure.

What items cannot go in the cart? Why not?

See the list of unacceptable materials in the inside pages of this brochure. Why are these not acceptable? The recycling processing facility uses an automated system to sort and bale the recyclables. Plastic bags, for instance, will jam the automated machinery. Residents can take their plastic bags to some grocery stores for recycling. You are encouraged to ask for paper bags during shopping, or opt for cloth/mesh reusable bags. We cannot take plastic disposable meat trays, or Styrofoam in any form—this includes takeout containers, egg cartons, packing materials—because of contamination.

Do I need to clean items before putting them in the cart?

Your recyclables should be rinsed of food residue. All paper put into the cart must be dry.

What if all my recycling doesn't fit in the cart?

For instances where customers generate extra recycling, you can place your recyclables in a reusable container and place next to the recycling cart. You can obtain recycling stickers to place on the containers from the Public Works Department.

A space-saving tip is to crush recyclables like cans, plastic jugs and bottles. Be sure to "break down" or flatten boxboard and corrugated cardboard so that it fits more easily into the cart.

Who do I call if my house gets missed?

You should call the Haverford Township Public Works Department at 610-446-1000, extension 263.

Who can I contact if I have more questions about Single Stream?

If you did not find an answer to your question here, please call 610-446-1000, extension 263, or email us at publicworks@haverfordtownship.org for assistance.



Single Stream Recycling allows you to mix all your recyclable materials in one container, simplifying the process for you—so that more residents will begin to and continue to recycle.

Where previously you needed to sort paper, glass, cans, etc, this new Single Stream process takes the sorting out of your hands, and moves it to the responsibility of the recycling plant.

Now you can mix all this in one bin:

- Newspapers • Junk Mail
- Cardboard Materials including:
 - Corrugated Cardboard
 - Pizza Boxes
 - Cereal Boxes
 - Juice Cartons and Boxes
 - Milk Cartons
 - Pasta and Cracker Boxes
 - Cartons from Beer and Soda
- Aluminum Food and Soda Cans
- Glass Bottles and Jars in any color
- Plastics #1 through #7

Trash Trucks with recycling symbols will collect recyclables. Rest assured that these materials are going to the recycling facility, not the trash facility.

The Benefits

To You:

No more sorting of different materials; no more tying or bundling of paper materials

To the Township:

Removing 800 tons of recyclable materials from entering the trash stream and adding it to the recycling stream will save Haverford Township over \$200,000 a year—and this is a savings to you, too, as a resident!

To the Environment:

In Haverford Township alone, an estimated 8,000 tons of potential recyclables is thrown into the trash stream each year. Reducing this is good for our planet—and that's good for you, and your children.



YES

THESE ITEMS **ARE** ACCEPTED IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

PAPER

- Newspaper
- Junk Mail and Office paper
- Cardboard Egg Cartons (NOT styrofoam)



- Corrugated Cardboard (flattened)
- Boxboard Food Packaging



ALUMINUM

- Food Cans
- Soda and Beverage Cans



GLASS

- Bottles and Jars
- Any Color of Glass



BINS YOU CAN USE

You can use any of these receptacles to put your recyclable materials out for collection:

- The small, rectangular yellow bin that Haverford Township residents have been using;
- The small, blue waste-basket type container that Haverford Township residents have been using;
- The new, blue 32-gallon container with lid that is available for \$18.00. Call the township at 610-446-1000, extension 263;
- Your old trash cans; you can obtain free recycling stickers to place on the sides of the cans. Call the township at 610-446-1000, extension 263.

PLASTIC



- Jugs and Bottles with Recycle Symbols #1 to 7 (check bottom)
- Squeeze bottles such as honey, mustard, ketchup, dishwashing liquid, etc.
- Small plastic food packaging such as fruit cups, baby food, yogurt, butter tubs, etc.



#1: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE) or (PET): soft drink and water bottles, beer bottles, mouthwash bottles, peanut butter and salad dressing containers; *it can be recycled into polar fleece clothing, fiber, tote bags, bottles, clothing, furniture, and carpet*



#4: Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE): squeezable bottles (e.g. honey, mustard)



#5: Polypropylene (PP): ketchup bottles, yogurt containers and margarine tubs, medicine bottles



#2: High Density Polyethylene (HDPE): milk jugs, water and juice containers, liquid detergent bottles, yogurt and margarine tubs; *it can be recycled into liquid laundry detergent containers, oil bottles, recycling bins, and vitamin bottles*



#6: Polystyrene (PS): aspirin bottles, cups, plates



#3: Vinyl (Polyvinyl Chloride or PVC): clear food packaging, shampoo bottles



#7: Other: Use of this code indicates that the package in question is made with a resin other than the six listed above, or is made of more than one resin used in combination. Plastics such as three- and five-gallon reusable water bottles, some citrus juice and ketchup bottles, clear baby food containers

NO

THESE ITEMS ARE **NOT** ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

- NO Plastic Bags
- NO Meat Trays
- NO Styrofoam in any form: NO take out containers, egg cartons, packaging

