

# Single-stream recycling is **EASY!**



## *Single-stream* **RECYCLING** HAS ARRIVED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



For more information on your town and hauler's single stream recycling program, contact

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Just place **ALL** your recyclable materials in your recycling bin. **NO SORTING!**



The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) and [TOWN] are working together to help Connecticut residents improve the environment and save money through a process called single-stream recycling.

Hartford's regional recycling center has been retrofitted with a single-stream recycling system that automatically separates paper, cardboard and containers.

## What does single-stream recycling mean for you?

Single-stream recycling means that you and your neighbors no longer have to sort glass, paper and metal within your recycling container. Just mix everything together – it will be sorted once it's delivered to the recycling center.



### What can I recycle through the new single-stream system?

- Paper (newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes)
- Clean cardboard and boxboard
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper bags
- Office and school papers
- Empty glass jars and bottles
- Aluminum cans and clean foil
- Empty tin and steel aerosol cans
- All plastic containers labeled #1 and #2

### What is NOT recyclable in this system?

- No garbage
- No plastic bags
- No food waste
- No food tainted items (used paper plates or boxes, paper towels or paper napkins)
- No polystyrene or styrofoam
- No motor oil bottles
- No hazardous chemical containers
- No plastic toys or sporting goods
- No electronics or batteries
- No compact discs or DVDs
- No foam egg cartons
- No ice cream cartons
- No light bulbs
- No hangers
- No yard waste or garden tools
- No plastic containers labeled #3 – #7
- No pots and pans
- No phone books
- No pizza boxes
- No mirrors or window glass

**BE GREEN –**  
ALL CONTAINERS SHOULD BE  
EMPTY AND CLEAN

## How does my town benefit from single-stream recycling?

Every ton of disposables that your town recycles is a ton your town does not have to pay for to dispose as trash. Single-stream is helping us recover and re-use valuable materials: Many communities have increased their recycling volumes by as much as 40 percent within a year of beginning their single-stream programs.



Plastic bottles take 700 years to begin decomposing in landfills.

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