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CRRA to Accept Books, Large Rigid Plastics for Recycling **Phone Books, Buckets, Baskets, Bins and Many Other Items Can Be Kept out of Trash**

HARTFORD, Conn. —Has your bucket got a hole in it?

If you're singing [that old Hank Williams song](#), or if you've got more phone books than phones in your house, there's good news: residents of the 54 towns—totaling more than 1 million people—that recycle with the [Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority](#) can now place large rigid plastic items and books in their recycling bins.

Effective immediately, CRRA's state-of-the-art [single-stream recycling](#) facility will accept a number of additional items including

- large toys,
- beverage crates,
- laundry baskets,
- recycling bins,
- telephone directories,
- storage containers and
- hard-cover books.

Any of these items that fit inside the single-stream barrel can be recycled, provided that

- All metals such as bucket handles and wheel axles are separated from the plastic items and
- Covers from hard-cover books are removed and placed in the trash.



In recent years CRRA has launched several initiative designed to increase recycling in Mid-Connecticut communities:

- In 2005 CRRA [expanded its menu of acceptable items](#) to include junk mail, magazines, computer printer paper and other types of mixed paper.

Editors and news directors: a list of CRRA recycling cities and towns follows.

- In 2008, CRRA introduced to Connecticut [single-stream recycling](#), the next generation of recycling, while adding oversized jars and bottles, aerosol cans and more types of cardboard to its list of acceptable items.
- In 2009, CRRA supported the introduction of single-stream recycling with a public awareness campaign that featured radio advertisements, printed materials and press interviews, along with the sustainability

education programs it offers at the [CRRA Trash Museum](#). The effectiveness of CRRA's unique combination of education and single-stream technology [earned a 2012 COIA Innovation Prize](#) from the [Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership](#).

- In 2010, [CRRA began accepting plastics #3 through #7](#).
- In 2012, CRRA introduced single-stream recycling to towns in southwestern Connecticut leading to a jump of almost 24 percent in those towns' recycling tonnages.

[A complete breakdown of all items](#) residents of participating communities can recycle, along with instruction on preparing those items for recycling, is on CRRA's website.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA's [board of directors](#) and [management team](#) develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA serves 74 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs [award-winning sustainability education](#) programs through the [CRRA Trash Museum](#) in Hartford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>. Computer users can also discuss CRRA on its blog, <http://crra-blog.blogspot.com>, and follow CRRA on [Twitter @CRRA](#).

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The following cities and towns participate in CRRA's recycling program:

Avon	Fairfield	North Canaan
Barkhamsted	Farmington	Old Lyme
Beacon Falls	Glastonbury	Old Saybrook
Bethlehem	Goshen	Orange
Bloomfield	Granby	Oxford
Bridgeport	Haddam	Portland
Canaan	Hartford	Rocky Hill
Canton	Harwinton	Roxbury
Chester	Killingworth	Stratford
Clinton	Litchfield	Thomaston
Colebrook	Lyme	Torrington
Cornwall	Marlborough	Waterbury
Deep River	Middlebury	Watertown
East Granby	Monroe	Westport
East Haven	Milford	Wethersfield
Easton	Naugatuck	Winchester
Ellington	New Hartford	Woodbridge
Essex	Norfolk	