

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:

Reduced collection costs because collection can be automated, and collection routes can be serviced more efficiently by eliminating the need for multi-vehicle utilization.

Toss ALL your recycling into one container

Recycle MORE and more types of items

Encourages MORE residents to recycle

When does Single Stream start?

The new Single Stream Collection process starts January 2, 2009

How is this better than my old way of recycling?

Simply put, the Single Stream method requires no sorting of recyclables on the part of our residents – it's a method that allows residents to put all of their 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?

Residents 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. For residents who wish to utilize their old trash cans, you may obtain free recycling stickers to place on the sides of the cans.

Will my recycling pickup schedule change?

Yes. Each household will have one pick-up each week. Please refer to the attached recycling calendar for your scheduled trash and recycling schedules.

What items go in the cart?

The new service will allow you to recycle more types of items:

Paper:

Newspaper

Office paper (plain or color paper, envelopes, stationery, sticky notes)

Junk mail (inserts, magazines, phone books, catalogs, ad circulars, etc)

Boxboard (food box packaging like cereal boxes- flatten to conserve space)

Corrugated cardboard (flatten to conserve space)

Aluminum:

Food cans (labels OK)

Soda cans

Rigid Plastics:

Jugs and bottles with recycle symbol # 1-7 (check bottom)

Round tubs such as yogurt and butter tubs with symbol 1 through 7

Small plastic food packaging such as fruit cups and baby food containers

Glass:

Bottles or jars, any color glass (rinsed and dry)

What items cannot go in the cart? Why not?

We cannot take plastic bags, meat trays, or Styrofoam in any form (take out containers, egg cartons, packaging) or broken glass. **Why not?** 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, and place them in their containers for recycling. You are encouraged to ask for paper bags during shopping or opt for the cloth/mesh reusable bags. We cannot take plastic disposable meat trays, or Styrofoam (in any form- 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 those instances where customers generate extra recycling they can place their recyclables in a reusable container and place them next to their recycling cart. You may obtain recycling stickers to place on the containers from the Public Works Department. One 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.

Description of Plastics:

#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.

#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.

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

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

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

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

#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.

Who do I call if my house gets missed?

You should call the Haverford Township Public Works Department at (610) 446-1000, extension 263 regarding your service.

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 at publicworks@haverfordtownship.org for assistance.