

Single Stream Recycling

On December 1, 2006 Cecil County began Single Stream Recycling. Single Stream Recycling allows recyclables, including paper and cardboard to be mixed together in one container. Previously, commingles were separated from newspaper and cardboard. The recyclables are then shipped to Recycle America's plant in Millersville, Maryland where they are separated using mechanized screens and optical sorting technology. On July 1, 2009 single stream regulations were expanded to include many more plastic materials, aluminum foil, and milk cartons. Please see below for new items that can be recycled.

Single Stream Targeted Recyclables are listed below:

Cans

All aluminum, steel "tin", or bi-metal beverage & food cans, rinsed. Aerosol cans are also recyclable. NO Burn barrels, 55-gallon drums, paint, solvent cans or wrapping material. NEW! ALUMINUM FOIL, PIE PLATES, TRAYS ARE ALLOWED (food removed)

Glass

Unbroken glass bottles, jars and food containers, rinsed with lids removed. NO ceramic flowerpots, clay flowerpots, crystal, drinking glasses, heat-resistant cookware, light bulbs, mirrors, window glass plates or mugs.

Narrow Neck Plastic Bottles - The mouth of the bottle is smaller than the body

Look for a number inside a recycling symbol on the bottom of plastic bottles and containers.

#1 Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Some examples of PET include water, soft-drink, and sports drink bottles.

#2 High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Examples of HDPE are shampoo, dish, and laundry detergent bottles.

#3 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Examples of this recyclable plastic are detergent bottles, milk, water jugs, and soft drink bottles.

#4 Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) Examples of this type of plastic are squeezable honey and mustard bottles.

#5 Polypropylene (PP) Examples of polypropylene plastic are catsup and medicine bottles

#6 Polystyrene (PS) Examples of this plastic include transparent aspirin and medicine bottles.

#7 Other Plastics (O) Examples of other plastics would be three and five gallon reusable water bottles and some juice bottles.

NO automotive fluid containers, chemical and pesticide containers
All containers must be rinsed with lids removed.

WIDE MOUTH PLASTIC CONTAINERS & BAGGED GROCERY BAGS NOW ACCEPTED
(examples: yogurt containers, butter tubs, empty flower pots, buckets, cups)

Paper

This includes newspaper, corrugated cardboard, copier paper, and mixed paper. Examples of mixed paper are:

- Cereal Boxes
- Frozen Food Boxes
- Shredded Paper
- Mail
- Catalogs
- Telephone Books
- Magazines
- Soda Boxes
- * NEW: MILK CARTONS