

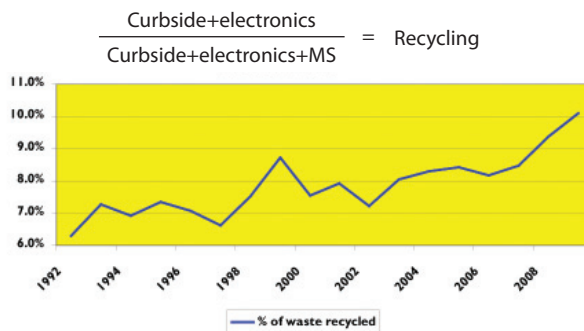
Single-stream recycling is EASY!



CRRA's recycling efforts:

- Public awareness
 - Education
 - Rebates to towns
 - Single-stream technology
- are **INCREASING** Connecticut's recycling performance!

Mid-Connecticut Project Recycling Rate FY 1992-2010



Single-stream RECYCLING

IS HERE AND BETTER THAN EVER!
NOW! RECYCLE #1 THROUGH #7 PLASTICS!



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

For more information about single-stream recycling and expanded plastics recycling, visit

www.crra.org.





The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA), Connecticut's recycling leader, and your 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.

And now, in addition to the #1 and #2 plastic items you've been recycling for years, you can recycle all plastic food, beverage, soap and shampoo containers – even plastics #3 through 7!

What does single-stream recycling mean for you?

With single-stream recycling, you and your neighbors no longer have to sort glass, plastic, paper and metal within your recycling bin. Just mix all your recyclables together – they will be sorted once they're delivered to the recycling center.



Plastic bottles take 700 years to begin decomposing in landfills.

Earth911.org

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

- Paper (newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes) – no bundling required!
- Clean cardboard and boxboard (cracker boxes, pasta boxes, shoe boxes and other similar materials) – no bundling required!
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper bags
- Office and school papers
- Empty glass jars and bottles
- Aluminum cans and clean foil
- Empty tin and steel cans, including aerosol cans
- All plastic containers labeled #1 and #2

AND NOW . . .

- All other plastic food, beverage, soap and shampoo containers labeled #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7

BE GREEN –
ALL CONTAINERS SHOULD BE
EMPTY AND CLEAN

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 pots and pans
- No phone books
- No pizza boxes
- No black plastic containers
- No wax or plastic-coated cardboard
- No plant containers
- No medicine or medication bottles
- No Tyvek or similar envelopes

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: Some communities have increased their recycling volumes by as much as 100 percent within a year of beginning their single-stream programs.

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