

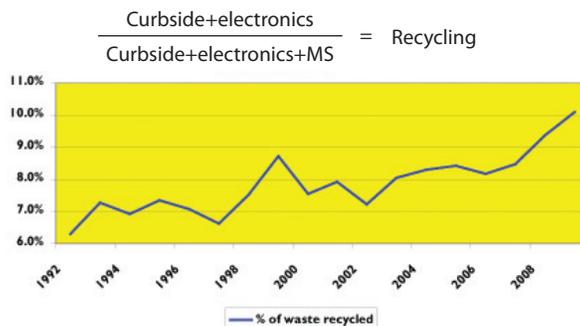
# Single-stream recycling is EASY!



## 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](http://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.

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### 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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