

# DON'T THROW AWAY OUR FUTURE



PLEASE HELP US HELP THE ENVIRONMENT BY ENSURING RECYCLABLES ARE AS CLEAN AND CONTAMINANT FREE AS POSSIBLE.

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD NOT BE PUT INTO SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING:



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**NO PLASTIC BAGS.** Plastic bags are the WORST contaminant in the recycling bin. When placed in a curbside bin, they get wet and dirty and cannot be recycled. Plastic bags with a #2 or #4 can be recycled at most grocery stores if they are clean, dry and empty.



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**NO MATERIALS IN PLASTIC BAGS.** Workers have to slow the conveyor belts to rip open bags that contain recyclables and then add the bag to the heap of bags bound for the landfill. These inefficiencies waste time and money.



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**NO SHREDDED PAPER.** Shredded paper is too small to sort. The pieces fall through the cracks of the sorting machines, stick to the belts and end up all over the floor. Please avoid shredding when possible because it destroys the potential for recycling.



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**NO SCRAP METAL.** Scrap metal items of any size should not go into your curbside bin. These items cause excessive damage to the recycling equipment. (Aluminum and steel cans are not considered scrap metal and should go in your bin).



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**NO HAZARDOUS WASTE.** Hazardous waste such as paint, automotive fluids, all batteries and pesticides must be taken to your local Household Hazardous Waste Facility, not to the Single Stream Recycling Center.



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**NO DIAPERS OR BIO-HAZARDOUS WASTE.** Syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products are not recyclable. **Paper towels are also not recyclable.**



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**NO NONRECYCLABLE PLASTICS.** While we have added new plastic items, many plastics are still not recyclable. Plastic lids, foam (Styrofoam®) and any other plastics not listed in our recycling guidelines are not recyclable because stable markets do not exist for these materials. Polystyrene recycling drop-off is offered in a separate container at the Cecil County Central Landfill.



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**NO FLATTENED CONTAINERS** The single-stream sorting equipment separates “flats” (paper) from “rounds” (containers). When containers are flattened, the equipment mistakenly sends them to the paper side of the facility, significantly contaminating the paper we’re sending to market.



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**NO CAPS/LIDS ON GLASS BOTTLES OR JARS.** Metal lids can be removed and recycled loose in the bin. Plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars should be thrown away.



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**NO LIQUIDS.** When we compact bottles for shipping, liquids drip, splatter and explode all over the floor, creating a sticky, smelly mess on the sorting floor. Please completely empty and quickly rinse out all containers before recycling.



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**NO CERAMICS OR NONRECYCLABLE GLASS.** Ceramic, china, dishes, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex®, porcelain and window glass should not go into the bin! Their different melting points and chemical compositions will ruin new glass bottles.



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**NO FROZEN FOOD CONTAINERS.** Paperboard boxes that were designed for freezer foods, such as frozen pizza and entrées, have a plastic polymer sprayed on them to protect against freezer burn. That same coating prevents the box from breaking up in the recycling process. These materials are not recyclable OR compostable.

FOR A FULL LIST OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS SEE THE BACK OF THIS FLYER



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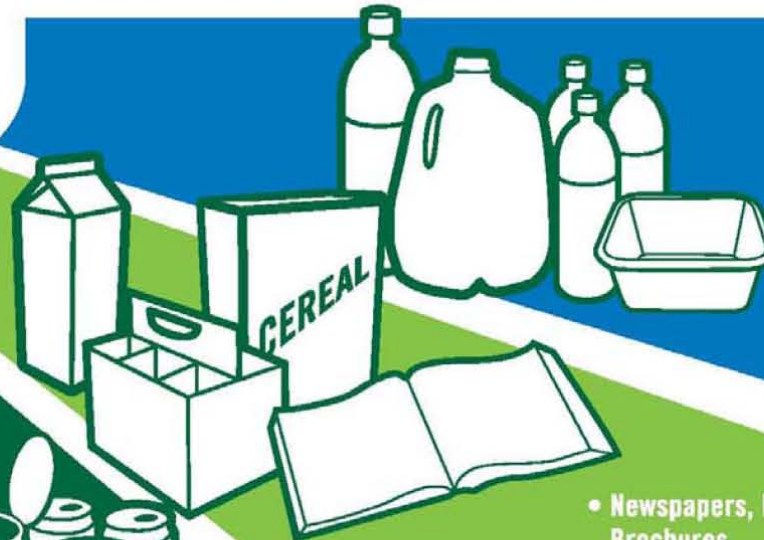




# RESIDENTIAL GUIDE TO SINGLE BIN RECYCLING

## PLASTICS

- #1, #2, #4, #5 and #7 Plastic Food & Beverage Containers
- Including Bottles, Jars, Jugs, and Other Rigid Plastic Containers.



- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Glass Food Containers
- Glass Beverage Containers

## GLASS



- Aluminum & Metal Cans
- Loose Metal Jar Lids
- Steel Bottle Caps
- Foil

## CANS

- Newspapers, Magazines, Brochures
- Corrugated Cardboard & Paper Bags
- Paper Towel Rolls
- Paper Back Books
- Cartons

- Greeting Cards, Regular & Junk Mail
- Cardboard Beverage Carriers
- Phone Books
- Dry Food Cartons
- Paperboard Boxes
- File Folders, Office Paper

## PAPER

**NO NEED TO REMOVE:** Paper Clips, Stamps, Address Labels, Staples, Metal Fasteners, Cellophane, Address Windows, Rubber Bands, Spiral Bindings, Plastic Tabs. **PLEASE:** Flatten All Cardboard Boxes. Empty And Rinse All Containers. **PLEASE** Do Not Include: **PLASTICS** Other Than Those Listed, Plastic Film, Plastic Bags, Paint, Pesticides, Oil & Cleansers, VHS/VCR Tapes, Phones, Computers, Etc., Plastic Bags, Needles Or Syringes, Styrofoam To-Go Containers Organic Material And Food Waste. **PAPER** Items Other Than Those Listed, Stickers Or Address Labels Sheet Waste Waxed Paper Or Waxed Cardboard Paper To-Go Containers. **GLASS** Items Other Than Those Listed, Window Panes, Mirrors, Ceramics & Pyrex Dishware, Paint, Pesticides, Oil & Cleansers, Organic Material And Food Waste. **CANS AND METAL ITEMS** Items Other Than Those Listed, Scrap Metal, Needles Or Syringes, Paint, Pesticides, Oil & Cleansers, Electronic Waste (Batteries, Cell, Etc.), Phones, Computers, Etc.