

Single Stream Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

HOW WILL THE PROGRAM WORK?

The City has contracted for all units 1-8 in the rubbish program to receive a 64-gallon container to use for single stream recycling. Each container will be assigned to a single household address. The cart remains the property of Waste Management and will be maintained and replaced at no cost to the resident **except** for damage due to negligence or abuse. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE CONTAINER WITH YOU WHEN YOU MOVE.**

By 7:00 am on your normally scheduled day for rubbish collection, place the green recycling cart no more than 3 feet away from the curb, road edge and at least 3 feet away from any other containers, (barrel, sign, mailboxes etc). Only RECYCLING placed in the automated wheeled cart will be collected.

No material left outside the cart will be collected.

The truck's lifting arm needs 3 feet on either side of the rolling cart to wrap around the container. Do not place carts behind parked cars or other obstructions. The automated truck-lifting arm is not able to reach behind trees or other objects. Place the cart away from low phone or electrical wires, low hanging tree branches or other overhead obstructions. A twelve foot vertical clearance is necessary for the truck's lifting arm to elevate the cart.

All recycling must fit in the container so that the lid is closed. No material may be sticking out of the container.

Be sure the arrows on the lid are pointing towards the street and the hinges face away from the street. This allows the lid to open fully when the cart is tipped over above the truck bay. If the hinges face the wrong way, the lid or hinges may be damaged.

Recyclables will continue to be collected on your normal day when placed in the recycling cart provided for this purpose. Please keep your recycling bin at least 3' away from the trash barrel.

WHAT KIND OF RECYCLING MAY BE PUT OUT IN THE NEW CONTAINER?

All recyclables can be placed in the cart. **Sorting is no longer necessary!!**

Residents are responsible for keeping their container clean.

- Glass Bottles and Jars (clear, green, and brown)
- Plastic Containers with recycling symbols containing the following numbers: 1,2,3,4,5,6 or 7
 - Aluminum (deposit & non-deposit aluminum cans, foil pie plates & aluminum trays)
 - Tin Cans
 - Cardboard Boxes (cereal boxes, etc. with liners removed)
 - White and Colored Paper
 - Newspapers and Magazines
 - Junk Mail

Does it tear? Is it clean? Then recycle it.

Materials should continue to be prepared in the same manner as before with containers rinsed out. Items should be flattened whenever possible to maximize space. Cardboard should be cut into pieces small enough to prevent it from becoming lodged in the cart when emptied.

Items that CANNOT be placed in the recycling cart include:

- Trash
- Dirt, Sod, Concrete or Rock
- Hot Ashes or flammable materials such as oil, gas, or paint
- Leaves & grass clippings
- Wood
- Styrofoam
- Construction/demolition debris
- Glass
- Household Hazardous waste, animal wastes
- Plastic Bags

**CAN I CONTINUE TO USE MY OLD RECYCLING CONTAINER?
WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD CONTAINER?**

The new automated truck will pick up ONLY the new recycling carts. Your old recycling bins **CANNOT** be used to put out recycling for weekly collection. You have the option of using your old containers for storage or garden use. Or they may be brought to the Paint Automotive Waste Drop Off. This is held the first Saturday of the month, April – November from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Located at 29 Pond Street North, next to the Compost Center. Off of Route 152.

I HAVE MORE RECYCLABLES THAN CAN FIT IN THE LARGE CART. CAN I GET A SECOND CART?

We offer a larger size recycling cart for the big recycler. Contact Cheryl in the Health Department if you want to switch out your 64 gallon cart for a 96 gallon one. If you want a second cart there is a \$75.00 fee.

WILL BE THERE CHANGES IN THE PAY AS YOU THROW PROGRAM (PAYT)?

NO. Solid waste will continue to be collected curbside in your own barrel with a size limit of 36 gallons. Any additional trash needs to be in City bags. More info on this plan and locations where bags may be purchased are available on the City's website, www.cityofattleboro.us/recycle or by contacting the Solid Waste Administrator at (508) 223-2222 ext. 3245.

WHAT ABOUT STREET PARKING ON COLLECTION DAY?

There is a city ordinance that states no person shall park a vehicle within five (5) feet of a driveway. **REMEMBER**, that the automated collection requires that the cart be accessible to the collection vehicle, so any cars you park at the curb should be at least 5 feet from the cart. If there is parking in front of your house then place your cart at the corner of your driveway.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CONTAINER IS STOLEN OR DAMAGED?
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I MOVE?**

Each household will receive one specialized container when the new system begins. You are responsible for the security of the container. In the event of damage caused by the contractor or normal wear, Waste Management will replace the container free of charge. Damage resulting from negligence or abuse by the resident will be the responsibility of the resident. The cart is a durable plastic that when used properly will provide years of maintenance free use. Should a problem occur (broken wheel, lid etc.) please contact Cheryl Perry in the Health Department at 508-223-2222 Ext. 3245 and she will request a repair.

When moving, you must leave your container for the use of the new owner. Containers remain the property of Waste Management and are assigned to each street address by means of a unique serial number imprinted on each container.

**I HAVE QUESTIONS THAT ARE NOT ANSWERED ANYWHERE ON THIS PAGE.
WHO DO I CONTACT?**

You can e-mail your questions to Cheryl Perry rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us or contact her by phone at the Attleboro Health Department by calling: (508) 223-2222 ext. 3245.