

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the term Single Stream Recycling mean?

Single Stream Recycling means that material can now be collected in a total commingled fashion. Your recycling can now be collected in a combined or mixed fashion. Paper glass and plastic containers can now be collected without the need of keeping the paper separated from the containers.

How is the material separated?

Through the use of automated separation equipment at the MRF (Material Recovery Facility), faster and more efficient separation can be obtained at a processing level.

Can I use my new 65 gallon cart for trash?

No. Items placed in the recycle container that are not recyclable (like garbage, paint or diapers) can contaminate the entire load at the MRF and caused the material to be rejected and removed. This is very costly and can force the entire load of recycle material that your city has collected to go to the landfill.

Can I use my recycle cart for trash on trash collection day?

No. The recycle carts are specific for recycle material and will only be picked up on Thursday which is your recycle collection day.

How is Single Stream Recycling collected?

Single Stream Recycling can be collected by the same truck that picks up your trash. But it is a specific recycle route and never mixed with trash.

What does Recycling/Single Stream Recycling do for me as an individual?

- 1) It gives you the ability to control future waste cost due to increase of tipping fees for waste being diverted from landfills.
- 2) Adds increased lifespan to area and regional landfills which reduces cost of transportation to landfills outside local region.
- 3) Provides marketable goods to recyclable end markets to provide future product from recycled material which reduces costs of packaging to you as a consumer.
- 4) Provides jobs in the local region providing taxable revenue in which we all benefit. Estimated 28,000 jobs are linked to recycling to some degree in the St. Louis region.
- 5) Once material is buried in a landfill it provides no future purpose in the economy. A constant recycling climate will renew the economical benefit of marketable product in a continuous cycle.

**Recycling benefits you, our
community and our environment.
Start recycling today!**

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THE CITY OF WINFIELD**

Without a recycling program in place, it is estimated that the City of Winfield contributes over 1,000,000 pounds of waste into local landfills each year!

In an effort to encourage environmental responsibility, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have elected to provide curbside trash collection on Monday of each week and curbside recycle collection on Thursday of each week. Christian Environmental Services will provide one 65- gallon recycle cart to each home in Winfield free of charge. We encourage all residents to recycle so that together we can do our part to protect the environment in which we live.

Recycling is not difficult – it can be a natural part of your family’s lifestyle. Studies show that it takes less than three minutes a day for a household to recycle cardboard, newspapers and many household containers made of glass, metal and plastic. Additionally, recycling reduces the amount of waste headed to a landfill, which reduces the cost of trash service. And finally, producing products from recycled materials creates jobs and saves energy and natural resources.

Winfield makes it easy for residents to recycle all their items in one cart. Christian Environmental Services provides a 65-gallon recycle containers to each resident. **Recycle Collection is on Thursday of each**

week. Trash collection is on Mondays.

Below is a listing of items accepted for curbside recycling:

Cardboard Boxes – The bulk of our trash is cardboard. Flatten and stack large boxes at the curb next to the recycle cart. Very large boxes should be broken down into 2’ X 2’ squares. Do not recycle waxed cardboard. Flattened cardboard boxes outside of the recycle cart will be picked up during your scheduled collection day.

Boxboard – Cereal and food packaging boxes should be placed in the recycle cart.

Mixed Paper and Newspaper- Basically anything that tears can be recycled. Keep the papers dry and free of food waste and oil. Do not bundle with twine or place in plastic bags. Examples:

- Magazines, catalogs, telephone and paperback books
- Kraft (brown paper) bags
- Office, computer, notebook and gift wrapping paper
- Carrier stock (soda and beer can cases)
- Junk mail and envelopes (remember to shred to prevent identity theft)

Glass jars/Bottles – Rinse well and throw away the lid. Paper labels do not need to be removed.

Aluminum/Steel Cans - Rinse well and throw away the lid. Paper labels do not need

to be removed.

Plastic Containers – All plastic containers with #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 on the bottom are recyclable. Rinse well. Flatten milk and soda containers by stomping on them. Acceptable plastics are:

- All numbered types of plastics (except #6). Polystyrene or Styrofoam *cannot* be recycled at this time.
- One-gallon milk and water bottles
- Plastic food containers, i.e. margarine tubs
- Two-gallon water dispensers
- Plastic fruit juice bottles
- Liquid laundry containers
- Fabric softener bottles
- Bleach bottles
- Windshield solvent bottles
- One, two or three-liter soda bottles

Unacceptable Items - Gas and oil containers, antifreeze containers, Styrofoam, hoses, plastic and metal toys, large metal items (car parts), panes of broken glass, ceramics or Pyrex, paint containers, syringes and plastic bags. **Please do not put plastic bags in the recycle cart.**

Our goal is to divert 50% of our solid waste as recycled material. Some progressive green communities are currently exceeding a 70% diversion rate.