



# City of Attleboro Single Stream Recycling Program



## Single Stream Recycling

Single Stream Recycling is a technology that allows participants to place all their recyclables: glass, metal, plastic containers, paper, and cardboard into a single container for collection and processing. **There is NO NEED TO SORT YOUR RECYCLABLES.**

Automated collection vehicles are equipped with a lifting mechanism that lifts, empties, and returns the cart to the same location. The operator never has to leave the cab and controls the entire operation from the driver's seat. The entire process takes about 10 seconds to complete for each residence and is noticeably safer, cleaner, and more efficient than traditional programs.

### Benefits of Single Stream Recycling

- Single Cart for Collection— Everything goes in **ONE BIN**
- **Increased Recycling Rates** and recyclable household yields that average 30% above those of previous recycling programs
- Fewer trucks on the road means less traffic and less pavement wear & tear, less labor, lower fuel costs, and reduced CO2 and methane emissions
- **LOWER OVERALL COMMUNITY COST**

### Collection of Recyclables

The placement of your cart is important. The collection vehicle's lifting arm requires **clearance: 3 feet on both sides and 12 feet overhead.** The cart should be no more than 3 feet away from the curb or road edge, and the arrows on the lid must be pointing toward the street with the hinges facing away from the street. The **open side of lid should face the street.**

Carts improperly placed cannot be lifted & emptied by the automated truck.

All materials must fit in the cart so that the lid closes. **ONLY MATERIALS WITHIN THE CART WILL BE COLLECTED.**



## Some FAQ's about Single Stream Collection:

### What materials are allowed in the container?

- Glass bottles and jars (clear, green, and brown)
- Metal "tin" cans
- Plastic rigid containers/bottles with recycling symbols containing the following numbers: 1,2,3,4,5,6, or 7 (such as juice, milk, water jugs, soda, and detergent bottles)
- Cardboard (corrugated cardboard, paperboard, cereal boxes, etc., egg cartons)
- Aluminum (deposit & non-deposit cans, foil pie plates, alum.trays)
- Paper (newspapers, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, office paper)

### What items CANNOT be placed in the cart?

Trash	Yard Waste	Broken Glass
Soiled Paper	Soiled Pizza Boxes	Dishes
Light Bulbs	Wood	Aluminum Foil
Styrofoam	Plastic Bags/Film	Aerosol Cans
Plastic Wrap	Paint Cans	Motor Oil Cans
Clothing	Food scraps	Rope/Twine

### What happens if my cart becomes damaged?

The cart is made of durable plastic and should give you years of maintenance free service. If you experience a problem with your cart (broken lid, wheel) please contact the **Attleboro Health Department (508) 223-2222 ext. 3245.**

### What about street parking on collection day?

Remember that automated collection requires that the cart be accessible to the collection vehicle. Any cars parked at the curb should be at least five feet from the cart.

### I have A LOT of Recycling. Can I get a second cart?

Contact Jessica in the Health Department if you want to switch out your 64-gallon cart for a 96 gallon one. If you want to purchase a second cart, there is a \$75.00 fee.

### More Questions???

You can get additional information and answers to your questions at the City Website: **WWW.CityofAttleboro.us/221/Recycling-Rubbish**  
Attleboro Health Dept: (508) 223-2222 (Ext:3245) Or email [rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us](mailto:rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us)  
Waste Management: (800) 972-4545