



## Single Stream Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

The City contracts for residential 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 IF 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 IN THE CONTAINER?**

All recyclables can be placed in the cart together. **Do not bundle or bag items.**

- Glass Bottles and Jars (clear, green, and brown)
- Plastic Containers (rigid containers/bottles such as milk, juice, water jugs, soda, and detergent bottles with recycling symbols containing #'s 1-7)
- Aluminum (deposit & non-deposit aluminum cans, foil pie plates & aluminum trays)
- Metal "Tin" Cans
- Cardboard (corrugated cardboard, paperboard, cereal boxes, etc.)
- Paper (newspaper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, office paper)

## **Items that CANNOT be placed in the recycling cart include:**

- **Trash – Styrofoam – Plastic bags – Dirty Pizza boxes**
- Dirt, Sod, Concrete or Rock - Construction/demolition debris
- Hot Ashes or flammable materials such as
  - oil, gas, or paint - Household Hazardous waste, animal wastes
- Leaves & grass clippings – Wood
- Broken glass or any glass other than clear, green or brown jars or bottles.
- No unmarked plastic, no plastic wrap or film, no plastic plants pots. No plastic bags.
- No aluminum foil.
- No soiled newspapers, tissues, or napkins. No wax paper.
- No food contaminated items, no wax or foil-coated items.

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

## **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 receives one recycling cart. 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 Jessica 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 Jessica [rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us](mailto:rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us) or contact her by phone at the Attleboro Health Department by calling: (508) 223-2222 ext. 3245.

**“Please remember these three Simple Messages”**

**Keep food and liquids out of recycling.**

**Keep plastic bags & styrofoam out of recycling.**

**Recycle empty bottles, cans and paper products.**