

Winnebago County

Single Stream

Recycling Guide

What is single stream recycling?

Single stream recycling allows all recyclables (including paper, cardboard, cans and bottles) to be mixed together for collection, either in a cart or bin.

Single stream does **NOT** mean trash materials are mixed with your recyclables, only that your paper and container recyclables may be mixed together.

Why change to single stream?

It makes recycling easy. No separation increases the ease and convenience of recycling, so that more people participate and more resources are saved. It can also make collection easier and more efficient as all recyclables can be mixed in a single compartment in the truck.

What about 'blue bags?'

Plastic bags with recyclables (whether blue, clear or any other color) will not be accepted as of January 1, 2010. In addition, plastic bags should **NOT** be used at any time with single stream recycling as plastic bags wrap around the processing equipment and cause facility downtime to clear.



Recycling Made Easy

Mix ALL of these recyclables for collection with single stream: (loose; do not tie/bundle paper)

- Newspaper (all sections)
- Corrugated Cardboard (boxes flattened, no larger than 3'x3')
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Office & Writing Paper
- Fiberboard (soda and beer wraps, cereal and cracker boxes, etc.)
- Phone Books
- Paperback Books
- Hardcover Books (w/ covers & binding removed)
- Aluminum Cans
- Tin Cans (labels & lids on)
- Aerosol Cans (cap & nozzle removed)
- Glass food and beverage containers (any color)
- Plastic narrow-necked bottles marked #1 and #2

Do NOT recycle:

- Plastic engine oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid and wide mouth #2 containers
- Paper with food on it (pizza boxes)
- Bathroom/diaper paper

Keep it clean!

It is still important to rinse your cans/bottles to remove food and liquid. This is especially important with single stream, where paper and container recyclables share your recycling bin or cart.

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