

What is Single-Stream Recycling?

Single-Stream Recycling is a new system where all recyclable material (paper, glass, plastic and metal) can be placed in a single container. There is no need for sorting the materials by type. Instead, the sorting is done by machines at a materials recovery facility.

Why a curbside pilot?

Haverhill is launching a curbside Single-Stream Recycling pilot program this summer. Residents in one area of the City will recycle all materials at curbside, instead of only paper and cardboard. It is expected that the added convenience of curbside Single-Stream Recycling will increase recycling and reduce trash. ***The City is spending an average of \$1.4 Million per year on trash disposal.***

Progress will be monitored for a period of 6-9 months, providing key information in order to evaluate a City-Wide curbside Single-Stream Recycling service. The following will be measured: participation rate, trash tonnage and recycling tonnage.

Am I in the pilot area?

All residents regularly scheduled for a Tuesday trash pick-up will be offered this curbside Single-Stream Recycling service. This day was selected because it includes both urban and rural neighborhoods, making it representative of Haverhill's great diversity.

What if I am not in the pilot area?

Your recycling schedule will not change. Paper and cardboard is recycled at curbside as before. All other recyclables should be brought to the Primrose Street Single-Stream Recycling Center.

Will the Recycling Center on Primrose Street remain open?

The recycling center will remain open to all residents on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.

When does recycling take place on my street?

Recycling will continue to take place every other Tuesday. Please consult the recycling calendar on the other side of this sheet to identify when recycling takes place on your particular street and week. **(RED and BLUE weeks).**

There will be an important change: households located inside of Route 495 that presently recycle on **RED** weeks, will NOW recycle on **BLUE** weeks.

Households located outside of Route 495 will continue recycling on **RED** weeks, as usual. This new arrangement will provide for a more even distribution of households between the **RED** and **BLUE** weeks.

What are the goals of the pilot program?

The pilot's goal is to use recycling as the primary tool in order to reduce the amount of trash. A 10-15% decrease in trash is sought, with benefits for taxpayers as well as the environment.

When will the curbside Single-Stream Recycling pilot start?

The pilot starts on Tuesday July 7, 2009 for households located inside of Route 495 (BLUE week).
The pilot starts on Tuesday July 14, 2009 for households located outside of Route 495 (RED week).

You should place your Single-Stream recyclables at the curb on Tuesday mornings before 6AM or Monday evenings after 4PM, in one or more clearly marked containers separate from your trash.

Stickers will be provided for your recycling containers.

Bulky cardboard can be placed next to your recycling containers.

What can my recycling containers be?

You can use any container up to 32 gallons in size. There is no limit to the number of recycling containers you can place curbside. The containers should be clearly marked as containing recyclables.

Can I continue using the bins I presently use for paper recycling?

Yes. You will find that curbside Single-Stream Recycling greatly reduces your amount of trash. Use any of your old trash barrels, clearly marked recycling!

What items CAN I recycle at curbside?

- Plastic containers #1 through #7 (check bottom for number), except styrofoam.
 - Jugs and bottles
 - Round tubs such as yogurt and butter tubs
 - Small plastic food packaging such as fruit cups and baby food containers
- Glass bottles and jars, clear and colored
- Steel, tin and aluminum cans
 - Food cans (labels OK)
 - Soda cans
- Aluminum trays, pie plates and foil
- Paper and cardboard: "If it tears, it's recyclable"
 - Newspaper
 - Office paper (plain or color paper, envelopes, stationery, sticky notes)
 - Junk mail (inserts, magazines, catalogs, ad circulars, etc)
 - Boxboard (food box packaging like cereal boxes- flatten to conserve space)
 - Corrugated cardboard (flatten to conserve space)

Do I need to clean items before putting them in my recycling bin?

Your recyclables should be rinsed and clean of food residue. All paper must be dry.

What materials CANNOT be recycled at curbside?

- No trash bags or plastic bags
- No styrofoam
- No glass cookware, drinking glasses, plate glass, ceramics, light bulbs and fluorescent bulbs
- No wall paper, metallic wrapping paper, tissue, wax paper, wax cardboard and no soiled, grease or any remaining food particles.
- No materials shall contain any hazardous or toxic substances (paint or aerosol cans)

Why aren't certain items accepted at curbside?

The materials recovery facility uses an automated system to sort and package the recyclables. Plastic bags will jam the machinery. Material with food residue or grease cannot be recycled because of contamination.

How can I further reduce the amount of trash I generate?

Plastic bags of all types can be recycled at Market Basket and other supermarkets. Look for the recycling container next to the checkout lines.

The recycling center on Primrose Street accepts tires, scrap metal, appliances, electronics, fluorescent light bulbs and some batteries.

You can "freecycle" items in good condition that you don't need any longer by listing them for free. The Haverhill group has over 3,700 members, and is growing: www.freecycle.org/group/us/massachusetts/haverhill

How can I get more information?

Households in the pilot area will receive an information package in the mail. In addition, neighborhood meetings will be held, and volunteers will canvas your neighborhood to answer any questions you may have.

Stickers will be provided for your recycling containers.

You can call the Haverhill Health Department at (978) 420-3939 with any questions or comments you may have, or visit their website at: www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/health/rubbish_curbside/index.htm

Did you know that the EPA estimates that over 50% of ALL trash is recyclable material?



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Dear Fellow Haverhill Resident:

**You have an opportunity to help save the Earth while saving tax dollars!
Your household has been selected to participate in a demonstration (pilot)
“Curbside Single-Stream Recycling Program” starting in July.**

Let me be the first to welcome you to a new, more convenient and comprehensive method of recycling at your home! You will be able to participate in the City’s Curbside Single-Stream Recycling collection pilot program. I am pleased to offer you this service.

Beginning on July 7th 2009, the City of Haverhill will start a new Curbside Single-Stream Recycling Program for the two Tuesday recycling routes. Some of you will be in a new weekly recycling route (see below).

All of your recyclable materials (glass, metal, plastic containers #1-7, as well as paper and cardboard) can now be put out at the curb in front of your home with your regular trash every other Tuesday. Currently, only recycled paper is collected this way.

Single-Stream Recycling means no sorting is necessary. **All recyclable materials go in the same container... not just paper anymore. No more separating, no more trips to the Primrose Street Recycling center.** RECYCLING HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER!

In this pilot program, residents are free to recycle as much as they want, using their own barrels and containers. There are **no special bins or containers** that you need to buy. Stickers will be provided to distinguish your recycling material from your household refuse (trash). You can purchase additional bins for your own use, if you prefer.

Check the Frequently Asked Questions form (on the back of this sheet) for details.

Thanks to Capitol Waste (our trash hauler) and Integrated Paper Recyclers (our materials recovery facility) this program is being offered at no cost to you or to City taxpayers. However, it is only being offered at this time for those along the Tuesday trash collection route.

As part of this program, changes also are being made to the RED week/ BLUE week alternating recycling pickup schedule. Everyone on the Tuesday route located inside of Route 495 will be part of the **BLUE Week**, whereas everyone on the outside of Route 495 will be part of **RED Week**. These changes will commence on July 7 as well.

As you may have many questions about this exciting new program, there will be several informational neighborhood meetings. I encourage you to attend one. Stickers will also be distributed at these meetings, which will be held as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 16, West Congregational Church, 767 Broadway, 5PM-7PM**
- **Tuesday, June 23, Haverhill HS Auditorium, 137 Monument Street 5PM-7PM**
- **Tuesday, June 30, Haverhill Citizens Center, 10 Welcome Street, 5PM-7PM**
- **Monday, July 13, Ayers Village Fire Station, 1420 Broadway, 5PM-7PM**

Additional meetings may be scheduled. There will be several aspects to the informational campaign of this Curbside Single-Stream recycling pilot, including door-to-door outreach by volunteers from Team Haverhill and coverage by HCTV and the local newspapers.

Recycling has many great benefits for our environment and it reduces the need to burn or bury trash. Recycling also has positive financial benefits for taxpayers. **For every ton of recyclable material removed from your trash barrel, the City will save \$56!**

Last year, the City threw out over 25,000 tons of trash, costing taxpayers \$1.4 million.

As you can see, the savings from recycling can really add up!

Therefore, I am challenging Haverhill residents in your neighborhood to reduce your trash to no more than two barrels a week—try re-purposing one of your current trash barrels for recycling. If we can reduce the amount of household trash by 10-15% (that’s an average of 6-9 lbs. per household per week) along the Tuesday collection route, then we can move confidently in expanding this program citywide.

Please Help and Recycle All You Can!

Very truly yours,

James J. Fiorentini
Mayor

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2009 Recycling Calendar

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