

# FAQ's Frequently Asked Questions About Recycling

October 21, 2014 marked the first day of collection for the City's new residential single-stream recycling collection service for single-family and multi-family residences.



**What is single-stream recycling?** Single-stream recycling means all permitted recyclable materials (see list below) may be combined at your house and set out for collection in a single recycling container.

ACCEPTED ITEMS	NOT ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glass food and beverage containers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mixed paper (magazines, catalogues, junk mail, chipboard, milk/juice cartons, paperback books, telephone books)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsprint (newspaper, advertising supplements)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office paper</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shredded paper, provided it is bagged in clear, plastic bags</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrugated cardboard containers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tin, steel and aluminum food and beverage containers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scrap metal sized to less than 30-inches in each direction and less than 50 pounds per piece</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic containers marked with recycling symbols #1 through #7 (plastic bottles, tubs and jars)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic Bags or Wrap</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Styrofoam</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trash</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pyrex - Glass Cookware</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ceramics - Cups and Dishes</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Scraps</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motor Oil Containers / Filters</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yard Waste</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garden Hoses</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clothing and Textiles</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Light Bulbs</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electronics</li> </ul>

**Q: Can I request an additional recycling cart or a different size recycling cart?**

A: Residents may request a second 95-gallon recycling cart at no additional fee. Smaller recycling carts are available to residents with special needs. Please fill out the online form available at [www.LawrenceRecycles.org](http://www.LawrenceRecycles.org) or call the Solid Waste Division at 832-3032.

**Q: Are there any guidelines for placing permitted recyclables in the recycling cart?**

A: Rinse food residue off all recyclables, place only dry paper in your cart, and flatten chipboard and cardboard boxes. Do not bag the recyclables. For a complete list of set out guidelines, visit [www.LawrenceRecycles.org](http://www.LawrenceRecycles.org).

**Q: Where are the recyclables processed?**

A: The recyclable materials collected by the City crews are transported to the Hamm Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Hamm sorts, processes, and markets the recyclables.

**Q: Where can I recycle plastic bags?**

A: Plastic bags can be dropped off for recycling at most grocery stores (near the store entrance).

**Q: With every-other-week collection, I have a hard time remembering which week to set out my recycling cart. Are there any tools that can help?**

A: Recycling collection frequency is every-other week on the same day as your trash day. The City has developed a few tools to help you remember which week is your recycling week. You may sign up to receive text or email alerts reminding you when to set out your recycling cart and if there are any service delays due to a holiday. Sign up today at [notify.lawrenceks.org](http://notify.lawrenceks.org)! On this same website, you may download and print a collection service calendar for your address. In addition, on [www.LawrenceRecycles.org](http://www.LawrenceRecycles.org), there is an interactive map allowing you to type in your home address. It will inform you of your trash, recycling, and yard waste collection schedule.

