

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM WILL BE SWITCHING TO SINGLE STREAM CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICES! BELOW ARE SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH THE TRANSITION.

What is included in single-stream recycling?

Single-stream recycling is a system in which all recyclables, including newspapers, magazines, cardboard, paperboard, plastics # 1-7, mixed colored glass containers, aluminum, tin and bi-metal containers, food and beverage cartons and junk mail are placed in a single container for recycling.

What type of items cannot go in the single-stream recycling bin?

Food waste, pizza boxes, plastic bags or wrap, film, large metal items, electronics (cables, adapters, headphones, etc.), CDs, DVDs, VCR tapes, USB drives, styro-foam, diapers, plastic toys, light bulbs, dishes, window glass and ceramics **MUST NOT BE INCLUDED** with your single-stream recycling.

What happens if I put non-recyclables in the recycling?

If you put the wrong items in your recycling bin, your materials will **NOT** be picked up.

What do I do with my current recycling containers?

Keep them! You can continue to use your current recycling containers but you will no longer need to keep materials separated. Container size should not exceed 30 gallons and be clearly marked recycling materials.

Do I still need to rinse residue from my recycling materials?

Yes! You still want to remove all food and liquid residue from recycling materials. Leaving residue behind will contaminate clean materials.

Will my pick-up day change?

No! Your pick-up day will remain the same.

Any other changes?

Yes. If a holiday falls on a weekday (Monday through Friday) and it's your normal pick-up day, recycling will be picked up one day later for the remainder of the week. For example: if the holiday falls on a Monday, Monday customers will be picked up Tuesday, Tuesday customers will be picked up Wednesday and so forth.

TO REVIEW FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING, PLEASE VISIT THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM WEBSITE AT WWW.BETHLEHEM-PA.GOV