



# RECYCLE @ SCHOOL

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## Classroom-Based Single Stream Recycling Quick Start Guide

### What is single-stream recycling?

Single-stream recycling (also known as “fully commingled”) is a system in which all recyclable materials such as paper, plastics, metals, and other acceptable materials are placed in a single container and sorted by the MRF (Material Recovery Facility) into separate commodities.

### What can I put in the recycling box/cart?

- Office/School Paper
- Cardboard and paperboard (flatten)
- Glass jars and bottles (empty)
- Steel, tin, and aluminum cans (empty)
- Plastic bottles and containers (marked 1-7)
- Paper cardboard, milk & juice boxes (empty)

### So how does this work?

Simply place acceptable recyclables into the bin in your classroom and when it is full, empty your bin into a nearby City of Dearborn 96-gallon cart. The recycling carts will be emptied weekly at each school.

### Help prevent contamination!

Please be on the lookout for these unacceptable materials:

- Food of any kind
- Plastic, glass, or paper cardboard containers that are not empty
- Kleenexes and paper towels
- Cloth or any other fabric material

### Can I recycle this?

- Aluminum foil? Sure, but make sure it is clean
- Batteries? Thumbs down....
- Ceramic mugs or cups? Strictly prohibited
- Clothing or fabrics? Um...NO
- Film plastic (food wrapping)? Forbidden
- Food bags? NO
- Glue containers? YES - If empty and rinsed
- Glossy paper? YEP
- Kleenex or paper towels? Yuck....No
- Liquids? NO
- Magazines? You betcha!
- Milk/juice boxes? Yes - If empty
- Newspapers? - Sure!
- Paper with paint on it? NOPE
- Paper with tape? Yes
- Paperclips and staples? Yes, it's metal!
- Pencils and pens? Better not....
- Plastic bags? NO WAY!
- Plastic bottle caps? Sure!
- Styrofoam? Big NO
- Tissue paper? Prohibited
- Wire clothes hangers? Yes
- Wood or other organic material? Sorry, but NO

