

**Single Stream Recycling** 



# **One Bin Same Day**

Recycling is an important part of our effort to build a cleaner, greener Baltimore. Now it is easier than ever with SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING. This means instead of separating all of your recyclables — paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, metal, aluminum, tin can now go into one container, on the same day.

### Acceptable Recycling Material:

**Metal:** aluminum (not foil), tin and steel food and beverage containers (i.e. soup, pet food, empty aerosol cans, vegetable cans, tuna cans) – *please rinse* 

**Plastic:** bottles and jars with the numbers 1 through 7 on the bottom – *please rinse* (i.e. soda bottles, detergent/bleach bottles, water bottles, milk jugs, juice bottles)

Do not use plastic bags for your recyclables. Plastic bags are no longer acceptable.

Glass: bottles and jars - brown, clear, or green - please rinse

**Mixed Paper:** all colors, mail, books, newsprint, folders, magazines, cardboard, cereal boxes, office and school paper.

#### ONLY the items above are acceptable!

For example: Do not put items such as window glass, used food containers, waxed boxes, Styrofoam or aluminum foil into your recycling container. **Plastic bags of any color will no longer be accepted.** 

#### Why are plastic bags no longer acceptable?

Single stream recycling material is sent to a facility that uses an automated system to sort and bale the recyclables. Plastic bags jam the machinery. Many grocery stores provide recycling bins for customers to drop off their plastic bags.

Place all recycling materials in recycle bins, cardboard boxes, paper bags or a clearly marked container. The yellow bins are NOT REQUIRED to recycle. Materials will be collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Set out recycling items by 7 a.m. at your regular trash pick-up location.

If your collection day falls on a holiday, hold your recycling items until the next scheduled collection day.

Remember that yellow recycling bins are for recycling only! Regular trash and debris will not be picked up from recycling bins.

We hope you agree that your home doesn't stop at your front door. Brooklyn is our collective home and we all share the responsibility of keeping our community clean. Sometimes that even means cleaning up messes others leave behind.

## Help us keep Brooklyn clean – call 311 and report littered sites