



City of Groton - Highway  
Dept  
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## Guide to

# Residential Single Stream

## Recycling

Single Stream (also known as “fully commingled”) recycling refers to a collection system that mixes all recyclable paper fibers and containers together in a bin at the curb and in the collection truck. With Single Stream recycling, you and your neighbors no longer have to sort glass, plastic, paper and metal within your recycling bin. Just mix all your recyclables together – they will be sorted once they’re delivered to the recycling center.

Accepted for Curbside Pickup as follows:

### BOTTLES & CANS

ITEMS ARE TO BE CLEAN  
**(NO PLASTIC BAGS)**

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles & jars
- Milk cartons & drink boxes
- Plastics:
  - PETE Code #1 (soda bottles, etc.)
  - HDPE Code #2 (laundry, milk & water jugs, etc.)
- Plastic Water Bottles
- Tin cans

### MIXED PAPER

ITEMS SHOULD BE IN A PAPER BAG OR BUNDLES. (NO PLASTIC BAGS)

- Books (hardcover and soft cover)
- Boxboard (cereal, cracker boxes, liners removed)
- Junk Mail
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Paper bags

### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Flattened, dry, clean. If oversized cut into manageable pieces, roughly 2’x3’

### TO PREPARE FOR RECYCLING

- Place newspapers, mixed paper, boxboard and corrugated cardboard and aseptic packages in the recycling bin or barrel with your other recyclables. **Do not** include newspapers contaminated with food waste, paper towels or food wrappers.
- Rinse aseptic packages such as juice boxes and milk cartons and remove straws if any, then place in the recycling bin or barrel.

- Rinse glass, aluminum, steel and plastic cans, jars, bottles and aluminum food trays, then place them in the recycling bin or barrel. Labels don’t need to be removed. **Do not** include containers of motor oil, antifreeze or other automotive fluids, paint cans or medicine bottles.
- **Do not** include pizza boxes, light bulbs, toys, pots and pans, window glass, dishes and other ceramic items, coat hangers, flower pots or plastic bags.
- Don’t forget to redeem deposit bottles and cans!

### Accepted at the Flanders Rd. Transfer Station:

- Batteries: automotive (lead acid)
- Empty 20 lb. Propane Tanks
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs (if unbroken)
- Leaves (no plastic bags or grass)
- Motor oil, anti-freeze, used oil filters
- Scrap Metal

### NOT RECYCLABLE

Please dispose of in household trash.

- Alkaline batteries
- Broken glass, Pyrex cookware
- Ceramics, Drinking glasses
- Empty paint cans
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors
- Motor oil/anti-freeze containers
- Plastic bags
- Plastic other than #1 & #2
- Plate glass/Window glass
- Styrofoam packing peanuts or chunks
- No Coffee Cups
- No Frozen Food Trays

**Thank you for recycling.**

**When in doubt throw it out in the trash.**

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