



**Recycle Right!**



**Tag-it and Leave-it!**  
Please keep plastic bags, foam and other unacceptable materials out of recycling bins! See details below.

In an effort to capture only **acceptable** materials during curbside recycling collection, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA), will implement a **“Tag-it and Leave-it”** inspection program later this year in the municipalities served by the MUA’s “all-in-one” single-stream curbside recycling collection program. Due to recent enforcement of rigorous restrictions banning unacceptable materials in curbside recycling bins, the MUA has been assessing contaminants in the recycling stream.

**The most common and problematic unacceptable materials (contaminants) found mixed with acceptable recyclables include, plastic bags, plastic film/plastic packaging, foam (Styrofoam), hangers (plastic, metal, wood), food waste, wood scraps, and plastic bottles/containers coded #3, #4, #6 & #7 (only plastic bottles/containers coded #1, #2 & #5 are acceptable).**

- For curbside collection, **recyclables must be loose in a reusable container** with handles (lids are strongly recommended to reduce moisture and to prevent litter)
- Recyclables must be empty, clean and dry (no food residue)

Earlier this year, the MUA released updated guidelines for the proper preparation of plastics for those municipalities participating in the MUA’s single-stream curbside recycling collection program. The revised plastics acceptability guidelines now limits plastic recycling collection to only bottles/containers coded #1, #2 & #5.

Due to strict requirements for collecting only acceptable materials in the recycling stream, the MUA will **leave those recycling set-outs with unacceptable items** in the recycling containers at the curb. After, contaminated recyclables are left at the curb, **residents will have to CORRECT the issues and wait until the next scheduled collection day to put their now acceptable recyclables out for curbside collection.**

The main goal is to avoid rejected loads at the local recycling facility, which first separates the single-stream recyclables into the individual materials that make up the recycling stream. Cleaner loads result in less cost while rejected loads, due to contamination, result in a greater cost for all involved.

When in doubt, throw it out and keep the acceptable recyclables clean, empty and dry! For additional information, and to obtain the single-stream recycling flyer, please visit [www.MCMUA.com](http://www.MCMUA.com).

# Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

## SINGLE-STREAM all-in-one RECYCLING

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority "all-in-one," single-stream recycling collection program allows cans, bottles, cardboard and all other paper to be mixed together for recycling. All of these items can go into one recycling container.

### IMPORTANT

- All items must be empty, dry, and free of food residue.
- Recycling containers must not exceed 50 pounds. 32-gallon containers are recommended.
- Only use plastic bags for shredded paper. All other material must be loose in a container, not in a bag.
- Do not tie cardboard or newspapers, put them in reusable containers loose, or stack folded boxes into one box.
- Label your recycling containers with free decals from your town or the MCMUA.
- If necessary, use multiple recycling containers. Containers must have handles. Lids are strongly recommended.
- Put all Styrofoam into the trash; it's coded #6 and is not acceptable in this program.

### Paper Cardboard



### Plastics coded



### Aluminum cans, foil, pie plates, trays. Metal cans\*



### Glass jars, bottles\*\*



Do not  
recycle  
plastics coded:



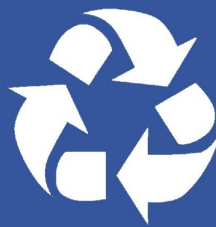
\*Metal: Recycle aluminum and steel (tin) cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, clean aluminum foil, pie plates and trays. Containers must be empty.

\*\*Glass: Recycle glass jars and bottles with caps and lids removed. Recycle loose metal caps and lids. Jars and bottles must be empty.



Shredded paper must be in clear or see-through plastic bags, such as grocery bags. No dark-colored bags. Nothing else should be in a plastic bag except for shredded paper. Shred only confidential information.

**NO PLASTIC BAGS EXCEPT FOR SHREDDED PAPER**



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# DO NOT PUT INTO THE SINGLE-STREAM RECEPTACLE

No clay pots, window panes, mirrors, glass vases, ceramics, light bulbs, Pyrex®

No plastics coded  
  
 3 V 4 LDPE 6 PS 7 OTHER

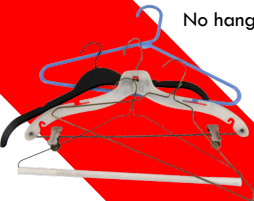
No plastic wrap or shrink wrap



No hangers

No spray pumps, nozzles, straws

No flower pots or trays



No Styrofoam™



No plastic bags - other than those containing shredded paper



No VHS/VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs



No small medicine bottles and lids



No motor oil, gas, anti-freeze containers



No LOOSE shredded paper



No hardcover books



No electronics



No clothing, shoes, flip flops, textiles



No hoses

None of the above

No insulated box liners



No batteries



**No liquids • No garbage • No small plastic caps  
 No plastic items smaller than an 8-ounce yogurt cup • No scrap metal • No paint  
 No pesticides • No oil or cleaners • No stickers/  
 address label sheet waste • No plant material  
 No food waste • No waxed cardboard • No waxed paper • No items that can be plugged in**



No metal appliances, pots, pans



**To recycle electronics or Household Hazardous Waste, contact the MCMUA to make an appointment.  
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