

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING TO BEGIN IN THE FALL

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING is the placement of all recyclable items together in the same container for pickup by the Township. The Township will provide each residence with another Toter, which will have a yellow lid and will be used solely for recyclables. All items – newsprint, junk mail, aluminum and bi-metal cans, plastics #1 through #7, glass bottles (all colors), and corrugated cardboard will be placed in the Toter that is designated for recycling. Recycling pickup will be set for a different day than your trash pickup day.

Why go to single stream? It will allow us to collect corrugated cardboard at curbside. Presently the recycling vehicle has different sections for separation of the material. It does not have a place for cardboard, nor will cardboard fit through the chutes that are built into the vehicle. The single stream collection will be more efficient in that one person, rather than two people, will be used to operate each vehicle. In the present recycling vehicle certain sections fill with material sooner than other sections, requiring the vehicle to dump its load before it is entirely full. With single stream, the full capacity of the vehicle will be used. The separated material is often combined at the recycling plant before it is finally separated by their machinery. This will eliminate separation at each residence. Residents that do not have a lot of material for recycling will not have to put it out for collection each week due to the capacity of the Toter when compared to the present recycling bins.

TIMELINE TO SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING. The Township has received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to begin single stream recycling. An automated collection vehicle and Toters to be used for the collection have been ordered. This equipment will be paid for through the grant. The truck should be delivered some time in September and the Toters have been scheduled for delivery during the same time frame. The change will occur when all equipment is delivered and educational material is prepared to advise residents of the change and how to use single stream recycling.

The present recycling bins may be kept for personal use on your property, or if you don't wish to keep them you can simply put them in your new recycling toter for pickup. The new Toters will include an electronic chip which will be used to register them to each dwelling unit and to track usage and assist when there is a violation, such as placing trash with the recyclables.

When additional information is available it will be delivered to each dwelling unit in the form of a brochure, and will be placed in future newsletters.