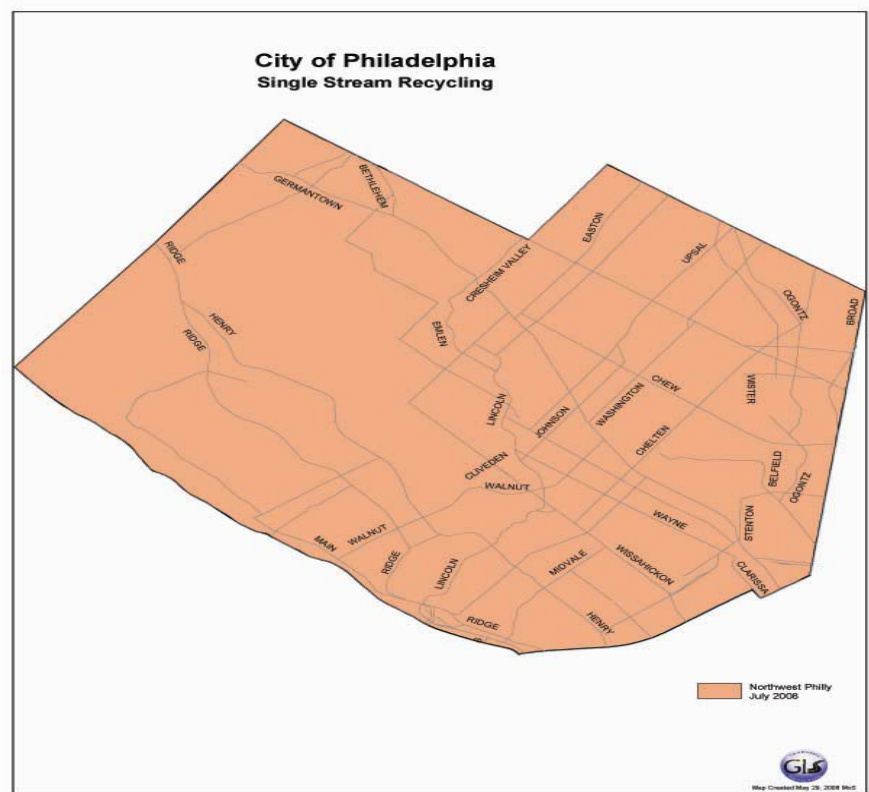


**City of Philadelphia Streets Department  
Sanitation Division Area 4  
Recycling Program Change  
Starts July 7, 2008**

Recycling is about to get easier for 80,000 households located in Northwest Philadelphia. The boundaries are:

Southeast of Northwest Ave., West of Stenton Ave., Southeast of Ivy Hill Road, South of Cheltenham Ave., West of Broad St. at Fisher's Lane and Roosevelt Blvd. and Northeast of the Schuylkill River.

(Cardboard and #1 and #2 Plastic Containers Added)



Beginning on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> with their first regularly scheduled recycling collection day, residents here will be able to put all recyclables together in one container for curbside collection. And, they will be able to recycle empty and flattened cardboard along with #1 and #2 plastic containers.

This change will make it even easier for residents to participate in the recycling program. They will no longer need to sort and separate recyclables into different collection containers. Residents may configure to use their blue recycling bins for curbside

collection. If one bin is not enough to hold recyclables, all residents need to do is add another container and mark it “Recycling.”

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why is the recycling program changing?**

This change will make it even easier for residents to participate in the recycling program. You will no longer need to sort and separate cans (bi-metal and aluminum) and glass jars and bottles from mixed paper recyclables before setting them out at the curb for collection. The program has expanded to various parts of the city since its implementation in 2006.

### **How are residents being notified of this change?**

The Streets Department is using several means of communication to get our message to all affected residents, including:

- Postcards have been mailed directly to each affected residence.



**Everything Goes!**

**Recycle like you've never recycled before.**

Now you can put cans, glass and mixed paper out at the curb in the same recycling bin. And add plastic containers and cardboard to the mix!

If one recycling bin isn't enough to hold everything, just add another container.

Whether you're a regular recycler or a first-timer, keep this information handy.

**Metal:** Tin and aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans

**Glass:** Jars and bottles

**Mixed Paper:** Newspaper, magazines, mail (junk and personal), phone books, food boxes (remove plastic liners), computer paper, flyers, wrapping paper (no foil or plastic wrap, soda and beer cartons (no food-soiled paper, please!))

**Plastic Containers:** Recycle #1 and #2 plastics ONLY (mostly beverage and detergent containers). Look for the number on the bottom of the container to see if it's acceptable.

**Cardboard:** Empty and flattened

To find out when your Recycling Day is, visit [recyclingpays.phila.gov](http://recyclingpays.phila.gov) or call 215-685-RECYCLE (7329).

[recyclingPAYS.phila.gov](http://recyclingPAYS.phila.gov) Philadelphia Recycling Office

- News releases sent to major and community newspapers

- Community print ads in various newspapers
- Automated telephone message
- Recycling Office hosted community meetings
- Street Teams
- Web site

**Is this the only area in the city where the recycling program will change?**

At this time only Sanitation Area 4 is affected by this change. There are 454,000 residents in North Philadelphia, Lower Northeast, Northeast, Southwest, West, South and Center City already receiving Single Stream Recycling collection.

**Will there be other areas of the city affected by this change?**

The expansion of single stream recycling in Area 4 marks the completion of this innovative initiative as this collection method is now citywide. Approximately 540,000 Philadelphia households will be able to place steel and aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles, newspapers, paper items such as food boxes, catalogs, magazines, and junk mail, cardboard and #1 and #2 plastics in the same container.

**How many households are impacted by this change?**

Approximately 80,000 households will be affected by this change.

**Is the recycling collection schedule changing?**

No. The frequency of recycling collection is not changing. Beginning January 5, 2009 weekly recycling collection will be implemented citywide.

**Where can I go online for more information?**

For recycling information, log on to [recyclingpays.phila.gov](http://recyclingpays.phila.gov) or you may visit the Streets Department's website at [www.phila.gov/streets](http://www.phila.gov/streets).

**What recyclable items are being added?**

Cardboard (empty and flattened) and #1 and #2 plastic containers.

**What are #1 and #2 plastic containers?**

Plastics come in many different types and the two most abundant are referred to with a #1 and #2. The #1 plastic containers are things like soda bottles and water bottles. The #2 plastic containers are items like detergent and fabric softener bottles. To find out if a plastic container is acceptable, look for a recycling symbol with the number 1 or 2 imprinted on or near the bottom of the container.



**What things can be recycled?**

**Metal** – bi-metal cans (like food cans), aluminum cans (like soda cans), empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans

**Glass** – jars and bottles (clear, brown, green)

**Mixed Paper** – newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, advertising inserts, telephone books, food boxes (like cereal and cracker boxes – remove plastic liner), computer paper, flyers, soda cartons

**Cardboard** – empty and flattened

**Plastic Containers #1 and #2** – mostly beverage and detergent containers

**How should recyclables be prepared for collection?**

Recyclables need to be “clean, dry and empty.” After finishing with a recyclable item, rinse as necessary to remove food. Separate metal lids from glass jars and bottles. Throw away plastic liners from food boxes. Cardboard needs to be empty and flattened.

**What time should I place my recycling out for collection?**

Recycling must be placed out for service by 7 a.m. on collection day but no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day before collection.

**What type of container should I use for recycling?**

Any rigid container (up to 20 gallons) marked “recycling” may be used. Do not use cardboard boxes or plastic bags. If one bin is not enough to hold all recyclables, all residents need to do is add another container.

Residents may also pick up a recycling bin at any Sanitation Convenience Center between the hours of 8am- 6pm, Monday through Saturday. Only one container per person. Please call first for availability. Residents requiring more than one bin should contact 215-686-5595.

**How much recycling can I set out for collection?**

There is no limit per collection for recyclable materials but no container filled with recyclable materials may weigh more than 25 pounds.

**How can I get more information?**

Citizens may visit [www.recyclingpays.phila.gov](http://www.recyclingpays.phila.gov) or contact the Recycling hotline at 215-685-RECY(CLE)7329. Citizens may also contact 215-871-0400 to schedule an information session for your community group.

**Who do I notify if my recycling is not collected?**

Contact the Streets Department’s Customer Service Affairs Unit at 215-686-5560 to report a missed collection.