

## **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**

### **RECYCLING IS EASY IN BRISTOL!**

Single stream means that you can put all of your recyclables into the same container.

It means you will have two containers: one for recyclables and one for trash.

Do you have to rinse everything? No, but we do recommend that you drain bottles and cans.

What about rinsing cans and bottles? Well, as true yankees' know, any bottle with soap (dish, laundry, shampoo, conditioner, hand) gets rinsed anyway because we want to use the last drop of what we paid for. If you eat a lot of frozen dinners and have dogs....let them "rinse" the plates. Some cans and jars are hard to clean....mayonnaise, peanut butter and pet food cans to name three....throw those into the dish water after doing the dishes and let them sit and then shake or wipe the stuff loose.

If you already recycle, this is not such a big deal. Some of things that are recyclable that you never thought about; things like rolls that toilet paper and paper towels come in, ALL the boxes that everything comes in, plastic containers that roasted chicken comes in (the dogs really like "rinsing" those), and junk mail (even the envelopes with the windows).

So, what can't you recycle? Food scraps – put the coffee grounds, egg shells, and fruit and vegetable peels at the edge of the garden or in the compost pile. You also cannot recycle diapers, light bulbs, window glass, batteries, Styrofoam, porcelain (toilets, sinks), anything that has a lot of food on it, used paper towels, tissues, bubble wrap, and potato chip (or other snack) bags.

**DO RECYCLE THESE**

OFFICE PAPER  
PHONE BOOKS  
FOLDERS  
PAPER BAGS  
ALL CANS  
MAGAZINES, CATALOGS  
BEVERAGE CARTONS  
NEWSPAPER, ALL JUNK MAIL  
PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1-7 (INCLUDING PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS)  
ALUMINUM FOIL AND CONTAINERS  
METAL POTS AND PANS  
EMPTY AEROSOL CANS  
GLASS JARS AND BOTTLES  
PAPERBOARD  
SHOE, CEREAL, AND PREPARED FOOD BOXES

**DON'T RECYCLE THESE**

WINDOW GLASS  
FOOD  
TOYS  
DIAPERS  
POTATO CHIP AND SNACK BAGS  
HYPODERMIC NEEDLES  
STYROFOAM (PACKING MATERIAL)  
LIGHT BULBS  
PORCELAIN  
SOILED PAPER TOWELS OR TISSUES  
ANYTHING WITH HEAVY FOOD STAINS (EXAMPLE – THE CARDBOARD DISC THAT PIZZAS COME ON)