

Frequently Asked Questions

Single-Stream Recycling

- Q) What is single-stream recycling?**
- a. Single-stream recycling is a recycling process in which materials are collected all mingled together with no sorting required by individual recyclers. So cans and bottles can be recycled with newspaper, cardboard, etc. Your recycling cart is differentiated from your refuse card by the color of its lid. Your recycling cart has a green lid.
- Q) What happens to the recyclables once it is collected by Republic?**
- a. Once the single-stream materials are collected by Republic they are then taken to the Great Lakes Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The MRF uses a system of sorting mechanisms, which divides the recyclables into different categories. For more information on this process, go to www.go-qlr.com.
- Q) Once things are separated what happens to them?**
- a. Once the recyclables have been separated at the MRF, they are then sent out to various markets, where the actual recycling of the material happens.
- Q) What exactly can I put into my single-stream cart?**
- a. Newspapers/ Brown Paper Bags, Magazines, Catalogs
Telephone / Soft Cover Books
Junk Mail / Envelopes (all types)
Paper
Paperboard (cereal / tissue boxes / shoe boxes with the inside plastic removed)
Cardboard
- Basically all plastic containers 1-7 except Styrofoam containers and those items that we once filled with motor oil, or other hazardous substances. Such as: narrow-neck plastic bottles (examples: Milk jugs, bleach / detergent, shampoo bottles). Even plastic grocery bags.
Clear glass bottles
Metal cans (tin / aluminum / steel)
If you have questions about whether a product can be included, please call Republic's Customer Service at 1-800-578-2664.
- Q) What size is the cart I'll be using for my single-stream recycling?**
- a. You will be provided a 95-gallon cart on wheels for your single stream recycling.
- Q) How often will recycling be picked up?**
- a. Your recycling will be picked up on an every other week basis.
- Q) Should I put recyclables into bags then into my single-stream cart?**
- a. There is no need to place recyclables into bags before putting them into the cart. Should you have any questions please give our Customer Service Department a call at 1-800-578-2664.