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Successful Single Stream Recycling Program Still Accepting Glass

Recycling numbers are surpassing expectation, and still climbing.

MORGANTOWN – On April 29, 2013, the Mon County Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors passed a 4-to-0 vote to discontinue accepting glass as of July 1, 2013.

According to the [MCSWA](#) Website, this decision applies only to the Monongalia County Community Recycling Center and its satellite disposal points. This change does not affect Single Stream Recycling Program that is currently in use for Morgantown city residents who have regular solid waste and recycling service through Republic Services.

Residents of the City of Morgantown who regularly take their recycling to the County Recycling Center or its drop off points are encouraged to use the green totes delivered earlier this year.

Glass, and several kinds of it, is just one of 17 items that are currently accepted by the Single Stream Recycling Program, a part of the City's Clean Community Concept.

Tom Arnold, City Liaison for Allied Waste, reports that the recycling program has been wildly successful in its first few months.

On the first day, Republic picked up 12 tons of recycling. To put that into perspective, Republic only collected 78 tons during 2012.

The first week netted 35 tons - six months worth of recycling by 2012's numbers.



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From January 7 (inception) to February 7, Morgantown citizens recycled 104 tons of plastic, aluminum, paper, glass, and cardboard.

Continuing on this trend, first quarter numbers for 2013 (January, February, March) top an amazing 208 tons - *more than the City has collected in the last two and a half years.*

Arnold only sees these numbers going up from here, as residents become acclimated to using their new green toters, delivered over the 2012 holiday season.

| Acceptable Items (Place these items in your green cart.) | Unacceptable Items (Do NOT place these items in your green cart.) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic Nos. 1 through 7 (Check the number inside the triangle, located on the bottom of the plastic item) • Aluminum Cans (Please rinse out cans) • Steel and bi-metal cans (Please rinse out cans) • Glass (clear, amber, and green) • Chipboard (pasta and cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.) • Junk mail • Magazines/Catalogs • Paperback books • Hardcover books (hardcover must be removed) • Office Paper, Shredded Paper • Phone Books • Newspapers and Newspaper Inserts • <u>Corrugated Cardboard (Boxes must be flattened/cut to fit inside cart...not wedged)</u> • Clean pizza box <u>tops</u>. • Milk or Juice Cartons with Gable Tops (Most are opened by pushing open the gables at the top, such as a small container of creamer or milk.) • Juice/Soy Milk Boxes (Aseptic Containers) |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage, food waste • Diapers • Paper Plates • Hangers • Meat or Cheese plastic wrapping or paper packaging • Wax or plastic wrap or bags • Freezer food packaging • Plastic deli, product or take-out packaging or utensils • Plastic bags or wrapping film • Ceramics • Mirrors • Wax-coated paper products e.g. milk cartons • Aluminum pie plates and foil • Plastic toys • Dishes, pots, and pans • Window or sheet glass • Wrapping paper • Styrofoam (pellets and formed) • Bubble Wrap • Christmas Lights • Fluorescent Light Tubes, CFL bulbs, light bulbs • Batteries of any kind • Scrap metal • Tires • Garden Hoses • Chemicals, Oil, and Paint |

For more information on the City's Single Stream Recycling Program facilitated by Republic Services, including pick up schedules, rules and directions, and if you qualify, visit the [Residents Recycling Page on MorgantownWV.gov](http://MorgantownWV.gov/ResidentsRecyclingPage).

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