

# Montgomery County's Curbside Recycling Program



Montgomery County has a **dual-stream recycling program** for residents of single-family homes and townhomes. Put your mixed paper items (paper and cardboard) into your blue recycling wheeled cart (or in a paper bag, cardboard box, or bundle with twine), and place your commingled materials (glass/plastic/metal bottles, jars, cans and containers) into your blue bin.

The mixed paper items and the commingled materials are kept separate during collection, transportation and processing of the materials.

**PLEASE DO NOT MIX THESE TWO GROUPS OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TOGETHER IN ONE RECYCLING CONTAINER.**

Why does Montgomery County ask residents to put mixed paper items (paper and cardboard) into one recycling container, and commingled materials (bottles, jars, cans and containers) into a separate recycling container?

- Dual-stream recycling results in less contamination and higher quality materials.
- The County uses dual-compartment recycling collection trucks to collect recyclables from homes on a route increasing efficiency.
- The County's Recycling Center is designed to process bottles, jars, cans and containers separately from paper and cardboard products.
- Montgomery County continues to successfully market the recyclable materials collected and processed because they are higher quality.
- Contaminant-free recyclable materials are higher quality and increase the chances that these materials can be recycled into more new products.



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