

Town of Branford Recycling Informational Page



## **Single Stream Recycling**

Single stream or "No-Sort" Recycling is a collection system that mixes all acceptable curbside <u>recyclables</u> together. All trash continues to go in separate cart.

In "No-Sort" recycling, both the collection *and* the processing facility that handles the material must be designed to handle this fully commingled mixture of recyclables.

## **Advantages of Single Stream Recycling**

Residents no longer have to spend time separating recyclable materials which will make the process of recycling easier for our town.

Our town will likely increase the amount of material that is recycled and diverted from landfills and/or Waste-to-Energy facilities.

## **Challenges of Single Stream Recycling?**

It is very easy to place materials in the recycling cart that you may think is recyclable, or hope is recyclable, however it is not recycled at the facility. This is referred to as "wish-cycling".

Increased wish-cycling contaminates the Town recycling stream and can increase the cost that the Town is charged to dispose of this material instead of the material getting recycled. To keep the cost as low as possible, it is very important that residents recycle only accepted materials, which can be found on the Branford Visual Recycling Guide on the previous page.