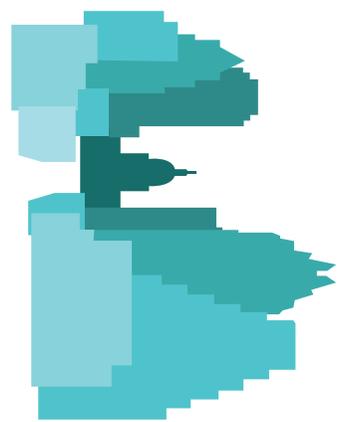


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Required!**

Questions?

We're here to make this transition as easy as possible for your business. Call us to schedule an onsite training session.

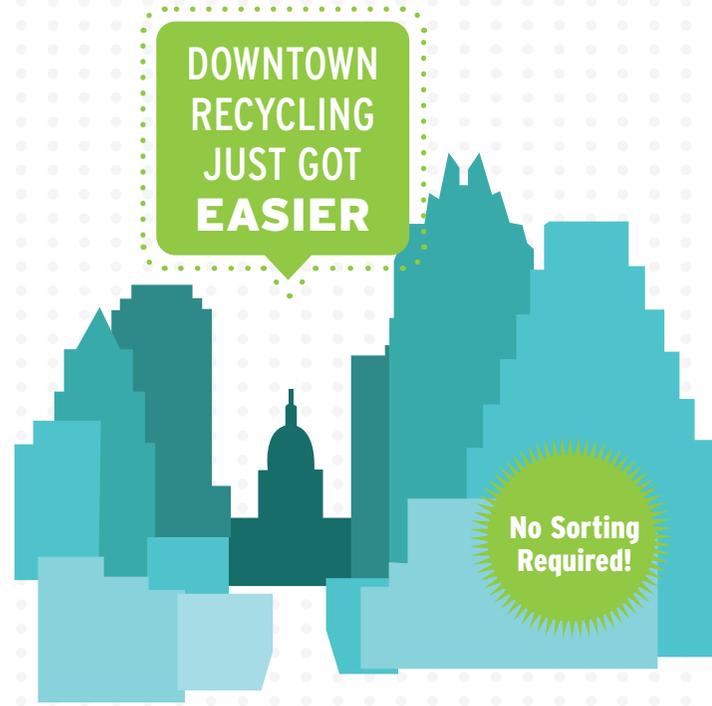
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The City of Austin is making recycling **easier** and more **convenient** for downtown properties, at no extra cost.

Starting April 2, 2012, you can **recycle more** types of materials and combine them in the same dumpster, **no sorting required**.

With your support, these changes will help the City reach our Zero Waste goal to reduce the amount of trash sent to the landfill by 90 percent by 2040.

Learn more



On **April 2, 2012**, Waste Management, the City-contracted private hauler that services the Downtown Recycling and Trash Service District, will begin replacing existing recycling dumpsters with new dumpsters specially prepared for Single Stream Recycling.

Why is the City of Austin switching to Single Stream Recycling in the Downtown Recycling and Trash Service District?

In 2009, City Council passed Texas' first Zero Waste Plan and set a goal to reduce the amount of trash sent to landfills by 90 percent by 2040. To reach Zero Waste, we need to maximize recycling throughout Austin.

Single Stream Recycling also helps businesses in the City's Downtown Recycling and Trash Service District meet the requirements of the Universal Recycling Ordinance, which goes into effect Oct. 1, 2012. More info is available at austinrecycles.com.

What downtown businesses will have this expanded recycling service?

All properties and businesses in the Downtown Recycling and Trash Service District, which includes service in these alleys:

- Alleys north and south of E. 6th Street from West Frontage Road to Congress Avenue
- Alleys east and west of Congress Avenue from 2nd to 11th streets
- Warehouse District alleys from 3rd to 6th streets, Colorado to Guadalupe streets
- Marriott Courtyard and Residence Inn/Eddie V's alley
- Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) / Salvation Army alley

What materials can we recycle?

More recycling; less work. The new Single Stream Recycling service allows your business to place these materials in any of the recycling dumpsters, with **no sorting required**:

- Flattened corrugated cardboard
- Boxboard
- Mixed paper, including mail
- Newspapers, magazines and phone books
- Aluminum, tin and steel cans
- Hard plastic containers #1-7
- Glass containers

How do we prepare materials for recycling?

- Flatten boxes
- Drain bottles, jars, cans and other containers
- Rinse off food residue
- Do NOT put recyclables in plastic bags

What should we keep out of the Single Stream Recycling dumpsters?

The following items are considered trash and should **NOT** be placed in new recycling dumpsters:

- Food and food-soiled paper
- Plastic bags
- Plastic film and wrap
- Paper cups, plates and napkins
- Styrofoam
- Waxed produce boxes
- Paper towels or tissues
- Shredded paper
- Straws

My business generates lots of food scraps. Does this effort address keeping compostable materials out of the trash?

No. This Single Stream Recycling service recovers only recyclables and not compostable materials. If you'd like to start composting, call us for more information.

Can we use any alley dumpsters labeled for recycling?

Yes. All the recycling dumpsters in the alley will accept all the recyclable materials. That means more convenient access to dumpsters and shorter walks with loads of recyclables.

Will my bill go up?

No. The City of Austin is able to make recycling easier and add more recyclables to this service without raising fees. Additional costs will be offset with revenue from the sale of recyclable materials.

When can businesses start taking advantage of Single Stream Recycling?

Replacing the existing dumpsters will take six weeks to eight weeks. However, starting **April 2**, businesses can put all the Single Stream recyclables in any of the recycling dumpsters, including the existing dumpsters that are labeled for recycling glass or paper.

Can the City help me educate my employees?

During the transition to Single Stream Recycling, the City will provide posters and brochures for businesses to share with employees or post in prominent locations. The City also will provide a few recycling bins for inside your workplace.

The City is available to meet with you and your employees to provide more information about Single Stream Recycling and how to implement it in your business. To schedule a briefing or to request materials, please call us.

What if the trash or recycling Dumpsters in the alley are overflowing?

Waste Management and City staff will monitor both trash and recycling dumpsters to minimize overflow. If the dumpsters are overflowing, please call us so we can adjust the number, size or service frequency of dumpsters. Waste Management will continue to empty the trash dumpsters daily and will empty the new Single Stream Recycling dumpsters twice per week.

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