

NELSONVILLE CURBSIDE RECYCLING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)



1. What is single stream recycling?

Single Stream recycling allows for the recycling of everything acceptable (glass, plastic, metal, aluminum and paper) to be set out all together in the same container and on the same day. It also increases the items that can be recycled at curbside, including all numbers of plastic containers, milk jugs, pop, shampoo, and detergent bottles. Salad, cottage cheese, yogurt, and berry containers. All colors of glass bottles. Magazines, catalogs, glossy paper, junk mail, newspaper. Mixed paper including letterhead, copy paper, colored paper, and envelopes. Tin, steel and aluminum cans. Paperboard and cardboard, cereal boxes, beer cartons, paper tubes, paper egg cartons, milk cartons. Brown corrugated, paper grocery sacks, manila envelopes.

2. Do I need trash collection to have curbside recycling collection?

Yes, Athens Hocking Recycling and Refuse is picking up the recycling as well as trash from customers.

3. How do I know what day of the week my recycling will be picked up?

Please go to www.nelsonville.com or www.athenshockingrecycle.org. you can also call the Nelsonville utility office at 740-753-2151.

4. Why can't I recycle plastic bags at curbside? Where can they be recycled?

Plastic bags create problems for the machinery used in the separation process, so we are requiring residents not to place plastic bags in with curbside recyclables. Most grocery stores accept plastic bags for recycling. Look for the bag container located at the front of the store. Please be sure there is nothing left in the plastic bags and that it is dry. We encourage everyone to begin using the re-usable grocery sacks also available from many sources.

5. What type of plastics can I put out for recycling?

All plastic containers with the number designations (1 through 7) on the bottom of the container including, milk jugs, pop, shampoo, and detergent bottles. Salad, cottage cheese, yogurt, and berry containers.

6. What do I do if I need more than one recycling container; is there a limit?

You may set out as many recycling containers as needed; there is no limit to the amount of recycling you can set out. Large items such as cardboard and rigid plastic items can be placed next to the containers. Mark an "X" on any additional containers or tie a blue bag to the handle to identify them as recycling containers.

7. Do I have to rinse my recyclables?

It depends on the material contained in the recyclable container. For food and beverage containers we do ask that they be completely empty and lightly rinsed.

8. Do I have to take labels off containers?

No, labels can remain on jars and cans.

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9. Why should we recycle when it is easier just to landfill?

Landfill space is filling up. Why landfill when there are markets for the recyclable items? Recycling saves natural resources, energy and creates less pollution when items are remanufactured using recycled material rather than virgin material.

10. Will more people recycle now?

With the added convenience of single stream recycling and not having to sort paper from containers, the participation rate is expected to increase. For municipalities which have switched to a single stream recycling program, the national average indicates a 20% increase in material recycled.

11. What are the advantages to single stream?

Not only is single stream recycling more convenient, a wide variety of additional items can now be recycled and diverted from the waste stream. Nelsonville has a contract with Athens Hocking Recycling and Refuse for the disposal of the recyclable material. Additionally, single stream is more environmentally friendly since more disposed material will be put towards secondary uses and fewer vehicle emissions will be created since the trash collectors can compact the recyclables and carry more material per trip.

12. What can't I put into my single stream recycling container?

Liquids, food waste, compostable plastics, Styrofoam, CDs, DVDs, electronics, chemicals, paint, mirrors, scrap metal, light bulbs, batteries, ceramics, cookware, hangers, wires, chains, window glass, toys.

13. Can I put grass clippings and tree limbs into my recycling container?

No. Yard trimmings (grass clippings, limbs, branches, bushes, leaves)

14. How can I reduce the number of catalogs I receive in the mail?

If you seem to receive every catalog ever printed and want to help the environment and save a few trees, go to the Catalog Choice Website to cancel those unwanted catalogs. It is fun and very user friendly. Catalog Choice Website, <https://catalogchoice.org/>

15. Are coroplast (polypropylene) campaign signs recyclable?

Coroplast (corrugated polypropylene) signs are not accepted for single stream recycling and should be disposed with the trash.