

AACPS – Recycling Flyer

Single-stream (also known as “fully commingled” or “single-sort”) recycling refers to a system in which all paper fibers, plastics, metals, and other recyclables are placed into a single receptacle, instead of being sorted. As a result of changing global markets, the Single Stream Recycling Program, currently implemented at AACPS, is in a transition period. Due to the reduced number of acceptable recyclable items, AACPS must now rethink and simplify its recycling policy and procedures.

Recyclable items cannot be bagged. Place all recyclable items free and loose in the large contractor recycle bin. It is still acceptable to use a bag as a liner to keep the recycling bins in the school clean.

What can be recycled

- Mixed Paper and Cardboard – newspaper, office paper, boxes, junk mail, magazines
- Plastic – bottles, containers (empty)
- Metal – aluminum, tin and steel cans and beverage containers (empty)
- Glass – bottles and jars (empty)



What cannot be recycled

- NO Plastic Wrappers (chip bags, pop tart bags, packing materials, etc.)
- NO Plastic Films or Bags (grocery bags, Ziploc bags, laminated paper cellophanes)
- NO Food or Food Soiled Materials (lunch trays, napkins, paper towels, etc.)
- NO Electronics (TV's, monitors, computer parts, ink cartridges)
- NO Bottles with liquid
- NO Building or Construction Materials (wood, wires, ceiling tiles, metal/PVC pipes, etc.)
- NO Bulk Items (chairs, tables, desks, etc.)
- NO Soil, Leaves, Brush or Branches

In order to reduce contamination of the recycled material at the schools, we recommend that each school designate a Recycling Coordinator and create a Recycling Team consisting of teachers, administrative and custodial staff to assist during lunch periods and in the classrooms. All classrooms, offices and teacher lounges must have a recycling bin and custodial staff must collect the waste and recycling cans separately and place them in their proper receptacle.

We thank you for your patience as we implement these necessary changes which are beneficial to our environment, fiscal resources and the needs of your school.

For more information, please contact the Environmental, Health and Safety Office at 443-770-5950.