

CITY OF KINGSTON

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Please read below regarding changes to and the enforcement of the City of Kingston's recycling program. These changes apply only to residents and businesses which currently receive municipal trash and recycling collection with blue totes.

WHAT

The global recycling market has changed. Due to these changes, the City of Kingston is adapting its recycling collection system.

WHY

- China, the world's largest importer of recycling products, has tightened restrictions and contamination levels, banned an additional 32 products from recycling; and reduced acceptable contamination level to .5%
- The City of Kingston must transition in order to comply with Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency's mandated shift to Dual Stream Recycling at their facility

Beginning in April 2019, the City of Kingston will be shifting our recycling collection to Dual Stream Recycling, which:

Paper and Cardboard ONLY will be placed curbside every other week in a new blue tote with yellow lid.

Glass, Plastic and Metal ONLY will be placed curbside every alternating week in your current blue tote.

Trash pickup will continue as normal.

In order to foster this transition, CASCADE, the City's Tote Vendor, will be delivering an additional blue recycling tote, with a **yellow lid, for recycling of PAPER and CARDBOARD ONLY** around the end of March or beginning of April 2019.

Additionally, the Public Works Department will be switching your existing black or blue lid that is affixed onto your current blue recycling tote, with a **new blue lid, this tote will be for recycling Glass, Plastic, and Metal ONLY.**

What is the City doing?

- Post new labels on recycling containers.
- A full color Recycling Guide will be delivered via mail.
- Driver will inspect container for contamination. If contamination is noticed prior to dump and not dumped, Container will be rejected and left curbside. Customer must then remove contamination and recycling will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled day.

What can you do?

- Become educated about recycling guidelines
- Share information with others in your household/business
- Please see attached calendar for appropriate collection schedule
 - **NO PLASTIC BAGS, NO FOOD CONTAMINATION:** Please make sure plastic bags are not disposed of in recycle containers. They should be ripped open and placed in trash if used to transport recycling.
- See www.kingston-ny.gov/recycle for the most up to date information and the Recycling Calendar