

**Want Recycling?****DEMAND IT!**

"All Together Now" Philadelphia Goes Single Stream

On July 7 Mayor Nutter granted Philadelphia its independence... from sorting recyclables. In an official proclamation, July 7th became Philadelphia's BINdependence Day marking the expansion of single stream recycling to the entire city. Areas of the city such as Center City and South Philadelphia have been enjoying the ease of single stream for months. With single stream, residents can put all of their recyclables: paper, glass, metal, and plastics (#1 and #2) into one bin, or two, or 3 depending how much your household recycles.

The convenience of single stream recycling has been highly effective in other cities. The City of Baltimore instituted single stream collection this past January and has already reported a 20% increase in recyclable materials collected. Recycling in Philadelphia may be easier, but residents still need to pay attention to what they throw in the bin. Anything with grease or food waste on it still needs to be trashed.

For more information about single stream or what you can and cannot recycle, visit <http://www.recyclenowphila.org>.

[Watch The Science Channel's video of how single stream recycling works.](#)



Recycling at the Ballgame

Thank you to all of our volunteers who came out to help the Phillies Recycle NOW on June 20. It was a great night and even though the Phils lost we filled close to 100 [52 gallon!] bags with collected recyclables, making the game a success for the environment. We are planning another night of recycling at the ballpark for those who missed out. Look for more information from us in the upcoming weeks.

RecycleNOW Chapter Meetings, Updates, and Contacts

✘ **West Philadelphia** – August, Date and Time TBA, Dock Street Brewery, 50th and Baltimore. In lieu of a monthly meeting, RecycleNOW West Philly will be meeting up at Dock Street for some food and drinks but definitely still talking some recycling. Contact Ben Ditzler at benditzler@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

✘ **Northwest** - Monday, July 14, 7:15 pm, Unitarian Society of Germantown, 6511 Lincoln Drive. Contact Carolyn Scott at cwelchscott@gmail.com.

If you are interested in the work RecycleNOW does or starting a RecycleNOW chapter in your neighborhood, contact Ben Ditzler at benditzler@gmail.com. All RecycleNOW chapters and contacts are available at www.RecycleNOWPhila.org.

Recycling Myths Debunked

MYTH: A recycling program is a large expense for the City of Philadelphia

FACT: Recycling SAVES the City of Philadelphia money.

Recycling is not only good for the environment, it's good for the economy!. The City of Philadelphia currently pays \$62 for every ton of garbage they landfill. On the contrary, the City earns approximately \$35 for every ton they recycle. Last year, recycling earned Philadelphia \$1.7 million and saved it \$3.2 million in landfill costs. The City Controller actually reported that if Philadelphia's recycling rate reached an achievable 35% the City would save \$17 million! Talk about trash to cash...

If you have any more questions, concerns, or would like to get in contact with RecycleNOW Philadelphia, please email us at info@recyclenowphilly.org. We welcome your input and involvement. Make sure to check out our updated website at <http://www.recyclenowphila.org>

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