

# HHS Waste Communication - January 27 ,2012



## Mixed Recycling at HHS *One Container Does it All!* **Update #2 - Frequently Asked Questions**



As of February 1, 2012, “mixed recycling” is coming to HHS . Also known as “single stream recycling”, this means you no longer have to separate your recyclables. Yes, one container does it all!



### **What materials are acceptable in the mixed recycling program?**

Paper cups (no lids), newspaper, fine paper, magazines, box board (e.g. glove boxes), file folders, courier packaging, surgical tray wrap (clean only), glass, cans and plastic bottles, plastic bags, packaging and containers with the symbols #1-#7, milk and juice cartons, tetrapaks, empty aerosol cans, etc. Remember, we can now put all these items in the same recycling container.



### **What materials are **NOT** acceptable in the mixed recycling program?**

Styrofoam, IV bags and tubing, general waste (e.g. paper towels, diapers, gloves, food waste, etc.), biomedical and pharmaceutical waste, hazardous chemical bottles from labs (even if empty).

### **Why does the City of Hamilton accept different items?**

The City of Hamilton does not provide waste management services to Hamilton Health Sciences. The contract with Waste Management Inc. requires the recyclables to be taken to separate facilities from those used by the City of Hamilton.

### **Can I put cardboard in the mixed recycling container?**

Small pieces of cardboard are acceptable, however cardboard boxes should be flattened and kept separate from the recycling containers. HHS receives a rebate for baled cardboard so it must be collected separately.

### **What about batteries – I thought they were recyclable?**

Yes, batteries are recyclable but not through the mixed recycling program. HHS participates in a battery program through Call2Recycle. Please collect batteries(all types up to 5kg each) in small boxes, mark as “Used Batteries for Recycling” and ask Housekeeping to pick up boxes when full or leave in the central holding area where your waste is collected.

### **I don't have a recycling container in my area!**

Each department is responsible for purchasing their own containers for their day to day recycling needs. There are a variety of containers that can be ordered through Purchasing. Green WM Inc. 95 gallon recycling totes will be available in limited locations for central use. You may also order the WM Inc. curbside containers (\$10 each).



18 gallons  
18"x20"x16"

**Recycling Poster will be available next week!**  
Please contact Rosemary Van Oostrom at [vanoostr@hhsc.ca](mailto:vanoostr@hhsc.ca) or ext 73491 for questions and comments or to order quantities of the curbside container.



95 gallon  
46"x26"x34"