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Contamination in recycling
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SINGLE STREAM = INCREASED DIVERSION
SINGLE STREAM Recyclables

WHAT GOES IN THE BLUE CART?

MIXED PAPER
Newspaper, magazine, catalogs, brown paper bags, paper packaging, beverage cartons, all office paper, phone books, envelopes, junk mail

PLASTIC
All beverage and food containers, detergent bottles, household cleaners, yogurt cups, magazine plastic

GLASS
All beverage and food containers

METAL
Aluminum cans, aluminum pans, foil

CARDBOARD
Flatpacked boxes

Please empty, rinse and squash all containers. Remove lids when possible. No foam containers.
SINGLE STREAM = INCREASED CONTAMINATION?
GOAL:

MAXIMIZING DIVERSION WHILE MINIMIZING CONTAMINATION