

The St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Public Works & Transportation is pleased to announce *Single Stream Recycling*.

Effective December 2006, residents using the six (6) Convenience Centers will **no longer** need to sort your recyclable items. You can mix your newspaper, magazines, catalogs, cereal boxes, mixed paper (printer paper, copier paper, mail, etc.) phone books, plastics, glass, aluminum, and steel containers into the same recycling container(s).

"The development of this program represents a major step forward in our long term waste resource management strategy," says George Erichsen, the County's Director of Public Works & Transportation. In partnering with Waste Management, residents will no longer need to sort materials and manage multiple recycling containers at home – all you need is a single container!

Why are we doing this?

We are certain that this customer service improvement will make it more convenient for our residents and businesses to recycle larger quantities of materials, improve our recycling rate and reduce the amount of material we have to pay for to place into landfills.



What Will Happen to Your Recyclables?

Once your recyclable items are collected, they are transported to the largest single stream recycling facility in the nation, located in Elkridge Maryland. The facility is equipped with the state of the art sorting technology that separates your recyclable materials right at the plant.



For additional information about recycling in St. Mary's County, please contact us at (301) 863-8400 or visit our web at www.stmarysmd.com

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