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**PHILADELPHIA STREETS DEPARTMENT RECYCLING PROGRAM
ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**
Residential Recycling Streamlined in North Philadelphia and the Lower Northeast

PHILADELPHIA, PA - In recognition of Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22, the City of Philadelphia Recycling Office announces the expansion of its innovative single stream residential recycling collection method to include North Philadelphia and Lower Northeast Philadelphia*, which includes the following sections of the City: North Philadelphia, Northern Liberties, Frankford, Kensington, Logan, Olney and East Oak Lane.

Beginning May 5, 2008, approximately 150,000 households located in North Philadelphia and Lower Northeast Philadelphia* will join 304,000 Northeast, Southwest, West, South and Center City Philadelphia residences in being able to set out all recyclables, including flattened cardboard and #1 and #2 plastic containers (generally beverage and detergent containers) into one container for curbside pickup.

“The city’s recycling tonnage in the single stream recycling areas has increased more than 35% since the summer 2006 launch of our simplified recycling collection method in Northeast Philadelphia,” stated Streets Commissioner Clarena I.W. Tolson. “By making curbside recycling easier for residents, we will continue to increase the amount of material we divert from our waste stream.”

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Previously, residents were required to separate commingled recyclables including tin and aluminum cans, glass jars and bottles from mixed paper items. Now, North Philadelphia and Lower Northeast residents will be able to place these items along with cardboard and #1 and #2 plastics in the same container. Recyclers can look for the number on the bottom of the container to see if the item is acceptable. North Philadelphia and Lower Northeast residents may continue to use their blue recycling bins for curbside collection. Should one bin not be enough to hold all recyclables, residents may add another container and mark it “recycling”.

This is the fourth expansion of this innovative recycling collection method in Philadelphia by the Streets Department since embarking on this comprehensive initiative in July 2006, and the final expansion will take place July 2008 when the entire City will have single stream collections. “The Streets Department is dedicated to innovative programming,” said Acting Recycling Director Scott McGrath. “Philadelphia is the first municipality of our size on the east coast to embark on single stream recycling.”

Earth Day was created in 1970 to spark an awareness of environmental abuse and to reverse the effects of global warming. An estimated one billion people around the world marked Earth Day in 2007.

For more information regarding recycling, please contact the City of Philadelphia Streets Department’s recycling hotline at 215-685-7329 or visit recyclingPAYS.phila.gov.

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*North Philadelphia:

West of Broad Street

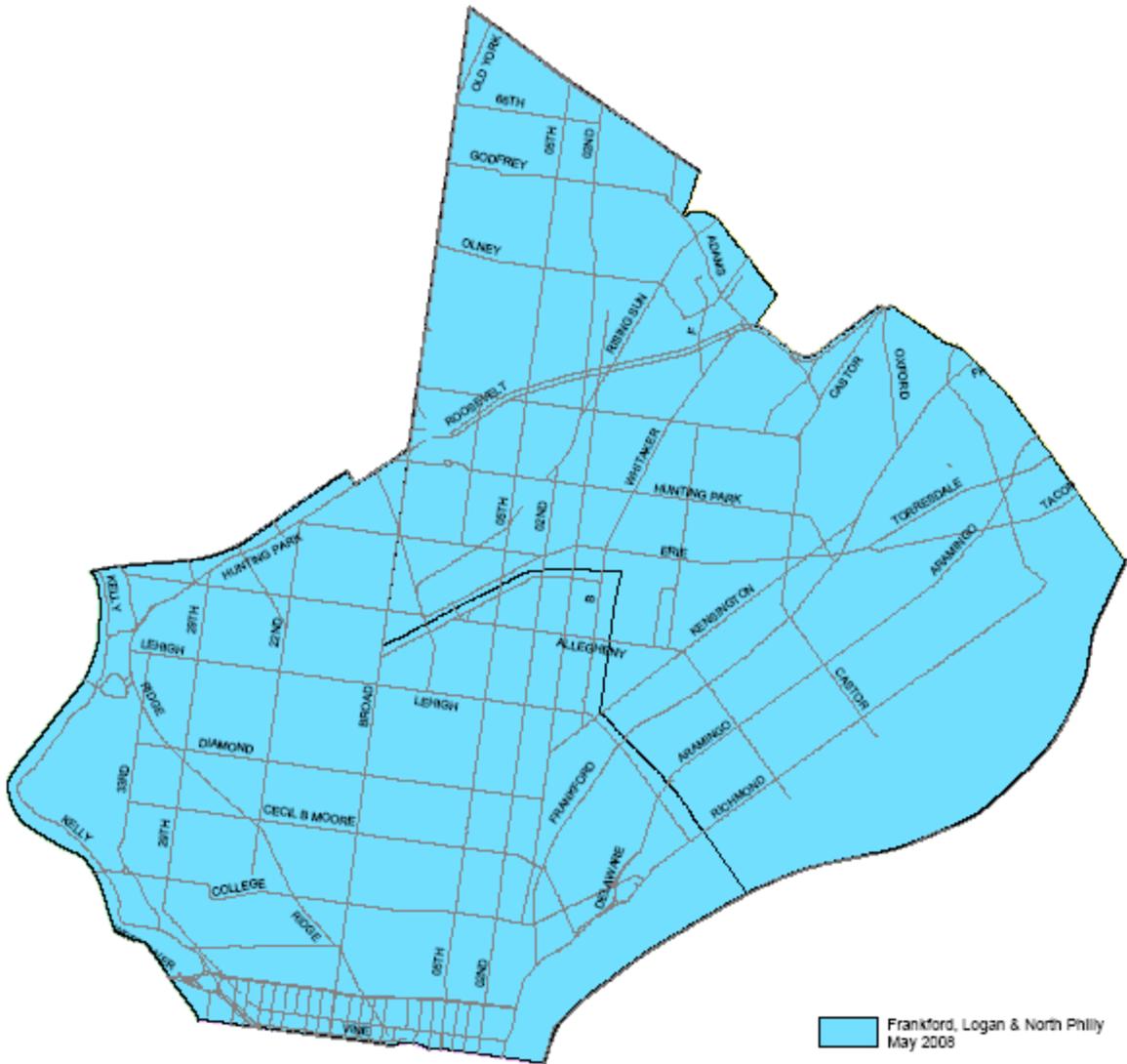
Vine Street to Ruffner Street, Broad Street to Schuylkill River

*Lower Northeast Philadelphia:

East of Broad Street

Vine Street to Cheltenham Avenue, Broad Street to Delaware River

City of Philadelphia Single Stream Recycling



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Everything Goes!

Recycle like you've never recycled before.

Now you can put cans, glass and mixed paper out at the curb in the same recycling bin. And add plastic containers and cardboard to the mix!

If one recycling bin isn't enough to hold everything, just add another container.



Whether you're a regular recycler or a first-timer, keep this information handy.

Metal: Tin and aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans

Glass: Jars and bottles

Mixed Paper: Newspaper, magazines, mail (junk and personal), phone books, food boxes (remove plastic lined), computer paper, flyers, wrapping paper (no foil or plastic wrap), soda and beer cartons (no food-soiled paper, please!)

Plastic Containers: Recycle #1 and #2 plastics ONLY (mostly beverage and detergent containers). Look for the number on the bottom of the container to see if it's acceptable.  

Cardboard: Empty and flattened

To find out when your Recycling Day is, visit recyclingpays.phila.gov or call 215-685-RECYCLE (7329).



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Recicle como nunca lo había hecho antes.

Ahora puede colocar latas, vidrio y papel mixto en el mismo recipiente de reciclaje. Y agregue recipientes de plástico y cartón a la mezcla!

Si un recipiente de reciclaje no es lo suficientemente grande para recibir todo, sólo agregue otro recipiente.



Ya sea usted un reciclador frecuente o un novato, mantenga información a la mano.

Metal: latas de hojalata o de aluminio, latas de aerosol vacías, latas de pintura vacías

Vidrio: jarras de cristal y botellas

Papel mixto: periódicos, revistas, correo (basura y personal), directorios telefónicos, cajas de alimentos (retirar el recubrimiento interno de plástico), papel de computación, volantes, papel de envolver (no se aceptan envolturas de papel de aluminio o de plástico), cartones de bebidas gaseosas y cervezas (por favor! no se acepta papel sucio por comida)

Recipientes de plástico: reciclar plásticos #1 y #2 ÚNICAMENTE (la mayoría de recipientes de bebidas y detergentes). Busque el número en la parte inferior del recipiente para ver si es aceptable.  

Cartón: vacío y aplanado

Para saber cuándo es su Día del Reciclaje, visite el sitio Web recyclingpays.phila.gov o llame al 215-685-RECYCLE (7329).



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