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Residential Recycling Program History

1990: Alexandria adopts a state mandate of 25% minimum recycling rate and city crews managed collection. Initially, the City used a dual stream system in which fibrous materials such as paper & cardboard were kept separate from commingled plastic, metal, and glass. The standard container for recycling was an 18 gallon bin.

2004: The City issued its curbside recycling contract to a private vendor and expanded collection to include other grades of paper such as “mixed paper”.

2006: The City goes to “single-stream” recycling which allows for more materials to be accepted into the recycling stream with the added convenience of only having one container where all recyclables are placed together. (For more information on the current list of acceptable materials please [click here](#) or view the [Yes/No List](#).)

2008: City begins [Eco-City Alexandria](#) initiative

2009: City issued a new Request for Proposal (RFP) for Curbside Recycling Collection

February-March 2010: City issued a contract to current vendor (AAA Recycling & Trash Services) and begins collection.

November 2010: City implements roll-out of [new carts](#) with wheels and lids that have more capacity and increase the ease and convenience of maneuvering recycling to the curb. Visit the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#) page about the new carts for more information

December 2010: Court Ruling to reverse contract award to AAA.

Spring 2011: City releases new Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Residential Recycling Collection Contract

Summer 2011: City expects to issue new contract.