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Presently City residents can recycle newspapers and inserts; aluminum, steel and tin cans; clear, brown and green glass bottles; and #1 and #2 plastics. On October 1st this list will expand to include corrugated cardboard, boxboard, office paper, magazines, junk mail, phone books, file folders, all colors of glass, plastics No. 1 through No. 7, and plastic bags. To accommodate the additional materials, Alcoa's residents may use plastic bags or purchase extra 14-gallon bins from the City for \$10 each. Alcoa citizens may also use other similar bins purchased at local stores.

Waste Connections will be able to accept this wider range of materials because of its switch to "single-stream" recycling. With single-stream recycling all recycled materials are mixed together in new collection trucks and shipped to Knoxville to be sorted at Advanced Polymer Recycling Inc. There will be no additional cost to the city for the collection of these materials.

Items not acceptable for recycling are Styrofoam, ceramics, and tempered or window glass and should not be placed in a recycle bin. Residents can learn more about acceptable and unacceptable materials at the Waste Connection website, [www.WasteConnectionsTn.com](http://www.WasteConnectionsTn.com). Questions may also be directed to Alcoa's Sanitation Services Division at 380-4815.

This change should make recycling even easier for Alcoa's residents. The addition of these materials should significantly increase each household's recycling volume, adding more life to the Alcoa / Maryville / Blount County Landfill. With this wider range of materials and the convenience of curbside recycling, Alcoa's residents continue to demonstrate increased environmental stewardship while leading their neighbors in Blount County and throughout most of east Tennessee.

Alcoa's Mayor, Don Mull, invited all residents to recycle by saying, "This is a wonderful opportunity to reduce what is sent to our landfill while making our City greener and lessening our impact on the environment. I hope that all Alcoa residents will take advantage of this expanded City service."

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