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Zero-Sort Recycling Starts October 17th



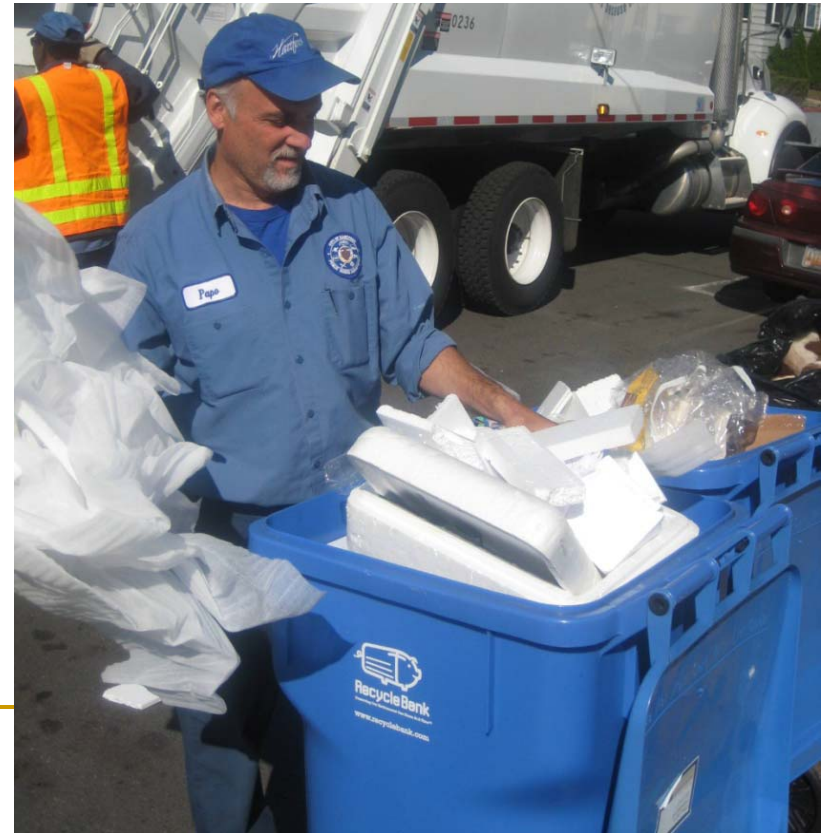
2. Current Recycling Program

- “**Dual Stream**” requires bottles and cans to be separated from paper and cardboard
- Bottles and cans are collected from blue recycling bins
- Paper must be put out on the curb in a paper bag
- Cardboard must be flattened, cut and tied into 2'x2' bundles and also placed on the curb



3. Zero-Sort Recycling

“Zero-Sort” recycling allows residents to place all recyclable materials into one container, rather than having to sort plastics and metal separately from paper and cardboard (dual-stream)



What Can We Recycle

These materials can be recycled

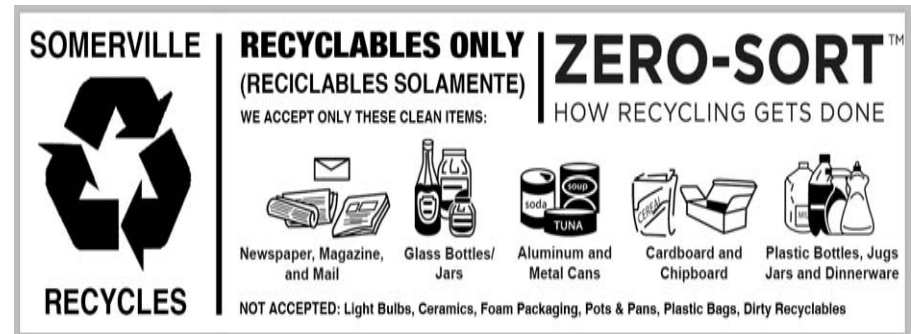
- Glass containers
- Plastic containers marked 1-7
- Metal cans and containers
- Milk and juice containers.
- Newspapers
- Mixed paper including junk mail
- Cardboard and boxboard

New items

- Rigid Plastics (toys etc.)
- Pizza boxes (clean)

Not accepted

- Food Waste
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Light Bulbs

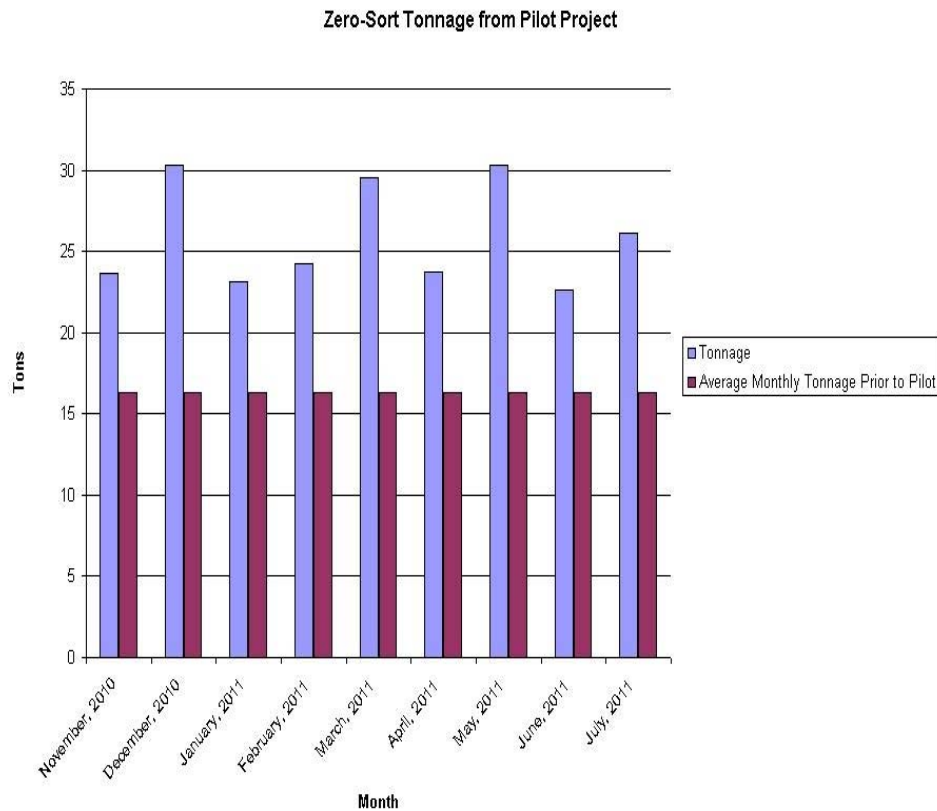


Zero Sort Start Date

- The City will begin the Zero-Sort Program on October 17th.
- Carts will begin to be delivered on October 10th.
- When your cart is delivered, please mark it with your address.
- Cart delivery will take three weeks so some residents will not receive their carts prior to the program start date.



Zero-Sort Pilot results



- The City has been conducting a pilot for the last year.
- The pilot results showed a increase of 60% in the amount of recyclables collected.
- The results also allowed us to make some adjustments in the number of carts that will be needed for the City-wide program.

Cart Delivery Schedule

- The City conducted a pilot program last year.
 - This allowed us to make decisions on how many carts will be needed.
 - Single family and two- family homes will receive one cart per unit.
 - 3 family buildings will receive two carts.
 - 4 to 6 units buildings will receive 3 carts.
 - If you determine that you need more carts for your building, please call 311.
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QUESTIONS?

For More Information, Contact:
311

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