

# WE'RE ON A ROLL

**CARTS WILL ARRIVE IN DECEMBER 2024**

## Cottleville, IT'S TIME FOR AN UPGRADE!

Your new Recycling Cart will replace your Blue Bags for recycling. Your Recycling Cart is going to make recycling easier and provide you more space to recycle more items—a true win-win!

Recycling Carts will be dropped off at Cottleville homes in December along with important program information—including your scheduled pickup day beginning in January 2025.

The new Recycling Carts will replace Blue Bags—you'll "keep it loose" (not bagged) with this new recycling program! You will use your current Trash Cart for trash only. (You can continue to use Blue Bags to recycle for the remainder of 2024—the new Recycling Cart program begins in January 2025.)



Check out our web page at [www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle](http://www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle) for updates.

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## JANUARY 2025: RECYCLING UPGRADE – A Recycling Cart will replace Blue Recycling Bags

It is understandable the third cart may be a tough fit for some. We do strongly encourage recycling. The terms of the grant funding require a citywide rollout, so each Cottleville household will initially receive a cart. This is a citywide rollout, a recycle cart will be delivered to Cottleville homes. With single stream recycling, each cart (trash, yard waste, and recycle) will be emptied once per week beginning January 2025. If this is not a fit for you, you may opt out of recycling and the issued cart will be collected. There will be an opt out form available at a later date.

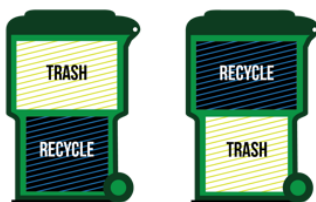
The current collection program was designed to pick up one cart twice a week that contained a 50/50 blend of trash and recyclables. We are providing the same volume of collection just over separate cans and days. Recycling reduces the burden on your trash cart and can help you get through the week with only one trash collection. If you have a yard waste cart that you do not use, you can always request it be hauled away, or just store it in the back yard for when you do need it. At no additional cost, brown paper lawn bags - filled with *only leaves* (max of 20 lawn bags per collection day) are collected during the months of: March, October, November, and December.



The St. Peters Environmental Services administrators have evaluated best practices for recycling programs prior to making this decision. This is the most common and consistent program nationwide, except we will accept all grades of consumer plastic containers, and glass too, which many communities do not offer! This program will allow us to continue to provide exceptional service at an affordable cost as the blue bags have become cost prohibitive at nearly half a million dollars a year.

Many St. Charles municipality households use 3, 4, or 5 carts for collection (Wentzville, O'Fallon, Dardenne Prairie, City of St. Charles). The new recycling sorting equipment St. Peters Recycling is installing, will limit the need to one cart for all your recyclable items. This cart may seem huge but it takes up the same footprint as two blue bag backboards or personal containers you may currently be using to sort your recyclables.

### Original (Current) Program

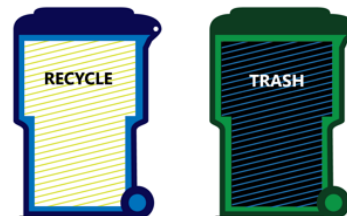


### One Can – Serviced Twice a Week

Can Contains a 50/50 Mix of Trash and Recycle



### New Program Single Stream Recycling



### TWO Cans!

### Serviced One a Week - Each

Same Volume – Separate Cans