

Q. Does the DPW put recyclables in the trash at the curbside?

A. **Absolutely not!** DPW has dedicated staff that pick-up **both** household trash and single stream recyclables that are put out in the separate 96-gallon blue carts.

Yellow DPW trucks are used for either trash **or** recyclables depending on the route that day, breakdowns or other reasons. All recyclables are diverted for recycling.

A new type of truck

One new truck, R4, has a “split body” to make collection more efficient. This allows both carts to be collected by the same truck at the same stop and may be the model for future trucks too. However, if this collection is viewed from the side, it can appear that everything is being dumped into one compartment. This is not the case. **Recyclables and trash are split into two separate compartments.** The “trash” side is dumped in the landfill and the “recycle” side is brought to a recyclables transfer station at ISWM where they are then transferred to a processor for recycling.

Below are some pictures to clarify how R4 works.

Hopper for each type of cart



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View of the top of the truck where the hopper is dumped



View from the rear of the truck showing separate compartments

