



# The Recycling Partnership

Building a Better Recycling System

## Public and Private Partnership Transforms Recycling in Flint

**A \$3.3 million grant delivers recycling carts to 34,000 households, increasing recycling collection by 750%**

**City, State: Flint, Michigan**

As the single-largest grant in The Partnership's 10-year history, the targeted investment in Flint, Michigan, is expected to increase the amount of materials recycled by 750%, from 624 tons per year to 5,400 tons annually.

Through a partnership with the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy, and a \$3.3 million grant from The Recycling Partnership that included a resin donation from Dow as well as financial support provided in part by PepsiCo, Arconic, Chick-Fil-A, Church & Dwight, Cox Enterprises, Mondelez, and Procter & Gamble, the City of Flint delivered 68,000 curbside carts (trash and recycling) to its 34,000 households in the fall of 2024.

The city's previous recycling program required residents to provide their own trash and recycling receptacles to hold materials at the curb. The new rolling, lidded recycling carts improve recycling access, aim to inspire more resident participation, and enhance safety for sanitation workers.

At the September 2024 event to launch cart distribution to residents, Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley said, "Today's announcement is the final major step in transitioning Flint to a cart-based recycling program that will promote the largest recycling push in our city's history."



### Cart Benefits

Additional benefits highlighted by Mayor Neeley:

- Carts will help sustain or even lower collection costs over time relative to an un-carted program.
- Carts reduce litter, help control rodent and pest populations, and enhance community cleanliness.
- Carts make recycling and trash service easier for Flint residents.



**WE'RE ON A ROLL**  
Carts Arrive mid-Sept through mid-Oct 2024

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City of Flint, meet your new recycling and trash carts.



Examples of the print materials residents received to learn about the carts.



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