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Question #1 – Why sort recyclables?

Dear Trish and Tabitha,

I can't believe what I just saw! I just witnessed the recycling driver stop in front of my house and take my blue box and dump the contents into the side of the truck. He placed my box back at the curb and then grabbed my black box and dumped it into the exact same side of the truck. Why on earth should I waste my time sorting the papers from the containers when the contractor that you hired just throws them all into the same truck anyways? Urgh! I have better things to do with my time than sort if this is the case.

K.L – Caledonia resident

Dear K.L,

PLEASE DON'T STOP SORTING! What you see is, well, half right... and more of an optical illusion. Yes, all of the recycling is going into the same truck. But, to the trained eye, there is a split body that allows us to collect 2 different types of materials (dual stream is what we like to call it in the waste world). If you look closely, you will see that the side where the driver is emptying your bins, there are 2 different chutes; one for your containers and the other for your fibres. Once in their respective chutes, materials are crushed and pushed into the rear of the truck. Therefore, keeping everything separate and clean for resale!