

**AWARENESS
SINGLE USE PLASTIC**

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OUR WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

CITY OF STUART: 1 BLUE CART, NO SORTING



CITY OF STUART COLLECTS RECYCLING



MARTIN COUNTY LANDFILL & TRANSFER STATION



RECYCLABLES ON THE TIPPING FLOOR



TRANSFERRED TO HAULING TRUCKS

City of Stuart Single-Stream Recycling

Sammy Sailfish says...

DO RECYCLE in the blue cart



Plastics with recycling symbols #1-#7



Folders, colored and white office paper



Shredded paper



Phone books



Junk mail, envelopes



Catalogs/Magazines



Newspapers



Cardboard



Milk containers, juice cartons (non-waxed)



Food boxes, paper egg cartons, tubes from paper towels/toilet paper



Glass food & beverage containers



Aluminum cans, aluminum foil, tin pie pans, tin food cans



Steel or metal food containers and cans

DON'T RECYCLE in the blue cart



Plastic bags, un-numbered plastics, shrink wrap, flexible plastic wrap



Food waste, liquids



Wood



Snack packaging, photo paper, waxed paper



Styrofoam™, PVC



Fabrics



Batteries



Light bulbs, mirrors/window or auto glass, ceramics/porcelain, glass cookware/bakeware



Coat hangers



Paper towels, used paper plates/cups



Electric cords, Christmas lights, garden hoses



Cooking pans/toasters



For more information, visit
www.cityofstuart.us
 (772) 600-1206

NO CART STANDS ALONE



SPECIFIC COLLECTION POINTS



SAMMY SAILFISH TEACHES ABOUT RECYCLING!





Reduce Cart Contamination

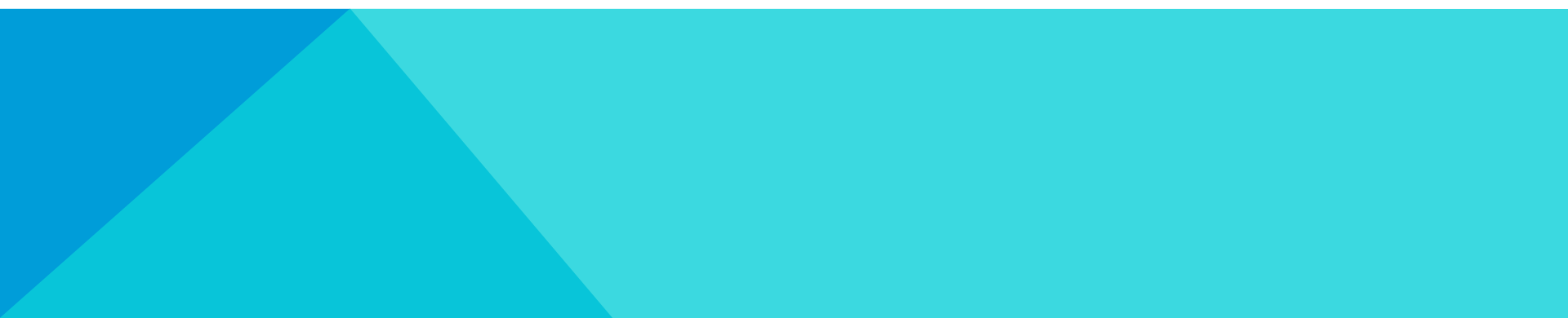
12 month monitoring to compare levels before and after education campaign.

Possible Future Action:

- Reduce Garbage Cart size
- Mandatory Recycling
- Eliminate Commercial Credit

CITY OF STUART SINGLE USE PLASTIC REDUCTION PROGRAM INITIATIVES

The purpose of the single use plastic initiative is to preserve, protect and enhance local Florida waterways and prevent plastic pollution from entering the marine environment. The priority initiatives are focused on reduction and ultimate elimination of single use plastic straws and polystyrene and the overall reduction of plastics.

- County Resolution, City Resolution and Legislative Support Related to Plastic Regulation
 - Prepare communication, messaging, and education materials for awareness
 - City Purchasing policy
 - Ocean Friendly Restaurant Program
 - K-12 Education and School Programs
 - Special Events on City Property
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EXISTING STAKEHOLDERS

Martin County

Surfrider Foundation

Students4H2O

Keep Martin Beautiful

Florida Oceanographic Society

UF/IFAS FL Sea Grant

Rivers Coalition

River Kidz

Loggerhead Marine Center

IR Lagoon National Estuary Program

Additional Stakeholders to
engage immediately:

- Retailers
- County and national waste management officers
- Individual citizens

PUBLIC EDUCATION: COMMON DENOMINATOR FOR THE SUCCESS OF ANY INITIATIVE!

Consumers need to be aware of the social, environmental, and economic impacts of mismanaged single use plastics.

Now:

- Print: Info Bits, social media, newspaper
- Outreach: home owner groups, environmental events, classroom

- ❖ Door to door campaigns: distribute bags with informational inserts
- ❖ Cart wraps or signs – what goes where
- ❖ Banners and pole banners – clear & simple message
- ❖ Showcasing alternative options to single-use plastics

**New
ideas:**

RETHINK

