

**Mixed-material items** shall mean any item manufactured with components made of different materials that cannot be easily disassembled without effort. Each of the component materials may, if separated from the other components, be a Single Stream Recyclable. An example might be a three-ring binder consisting of a plastic outer cover, cardboard inner cover, and a metal spine. Together, this item could not be recycled as a Single Stream Recyclable but each of the components once separated into plastic, cardboard, and small scrap metal items, can be recycled as a Single Stream items.



**GOOD TO KNOW** \*A standard 3-ring binder is made with three materials: plastic, cardboard and metal. An acceptable solution is to throw it out as trash. However, separating the binder into its component materials for single stream recycling is **EVEN BETTER**. Breaking down mixed-material manufactured items into their component materials is **NOT** required but it directly impacts your tax dollars being spent on expensive disposal costs.