

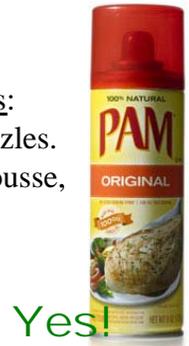
## New Materials Accepted at the MRF

The Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) is constantly making an effort to include new materials into the mix of acceptable recyclables. One mission of the regional recycling program is to divert through recycling as many materials as possible from landfilling and incineration. Effective April 20, 2011, the MRF has added three new materials: metal aerosol cans, plastic clamshell containers, and bottle/can caps and lids.

### *Aerosol Cans*

#### **YES - EMPTY aerosol cans that contained food, laundry, or health and beauty products:**

- Must be empty with lids removed. Do not puncture, pierce, flatten or remove nozzles.
- Health and beauty products such as: sun block, first aid spray, hair spray, hair mousse, deodorant, shaving cream
- Food products such as: cooking spray (i.e. PAM), whipped cream, cake frosting
- Laundry products: spray starch, anti-static spray
- Air fresheners



#### **NO - Aerosol cans that contained hazardous waste:**

- Empty aerosols that once contained hazardous materials will contaminate the recycling mix. These aerosols include, but are not limited to: spray paint, pesticides, cleaning products, craft products, adhesives, automotive sprays, waterproofing sprays, and lubricants. These *empty* aerosols should be disposed with your solid waste.



#### **YES - Clear Clamshell Packaging**

- Plastic clamshell containers should be emptied and rinsed.
- These are clear plastic hinged containers that mostly commonly hold grocery items like berries, lettuce, tomatoes, deli and bakery items.
- Please do not include clamshell containers that are made of black plastic, Styrofoam or compostable materials.



#### **YES - Caps and Lids**

- Once bottles or containers are rinsed, please put cap or lid back onto the product.
- Caps and lids should be made of metal and plastic and should only come from MRF eligible bottles, cans and containers.
- Tip: To make room in your recycling box, you can flatten a plastic container before putting the cap/lid back on. This will keep air from reforming the plastic product's shape.



**Please** help make the recycling bins as free from contaminants as possible in order to allow the MRF to make valuable feedstock for the manufacture of new products.