



GETTING THE MOST FOR YOUR RECYCLABLES

Shipping recyclables to processing centers is a necessary part of a recycling program if your aim is to get the materials out of the Village. Unfortunately, for most Alaska Villages, *free* shipping is necessary for the recycling to be financially feasible. Several Villages have worked out an arrangement with their barge/air transport companies to backhaul free-of-charge, to either 1) Buy-back centers in Seattle, or 2) Anchorage/Bethel through the ALPAR flying cans program. Contact your local transport company to ask them about the possibilities of providing free-of-charge backhauling for your recycling program. They might be able to offer this appreciated community service on a regular- or space-available basis. You might also ask if they can provide a "container swap". They would leave empty Connex containers to replace the ones that you fill with recyclables.

The other side of this handout can be used to help you maximize the revenue from your recyclables. The best company(ies) to work with depend on many factors, such as the type and amount of recyclables generated, storage space available, how recyclables are processed (e.g. will they be baled), and shipping logistics. Shipping logistics and storage space often play a big part in deciding where materials will be sent. For example, suppose you have several types of recyclables (metals, paper, etc), limited storage space, and a limited shipping schedule. You may need to send all of your recyclables to a company that accepts all types of recyclables-- but pays less than a company that specializes in only a single material type (e.g. metals only). Whether recyclables are baled, and total quantity shipped, can also affect the price per pound. If it's possible to ship recyclables with another community, you might be able to receive a better price. Whatever your situation may be, it's best to contact the recycling companies and discuss your particular logistics to figure out how to maximize the sale of your recyclables. Also, it really pays to call several companies and compare prices!

Barge Transport Contact Information

Yutana Barge

Anchorage 1 (800) 478-5509
(Matt Sweetsir is a good contact)
www.yutanabarge.com

Crowley Alaska, Inc.

Anchorage 278-4978
Bethel 543-2421
Kotzebue 442-3211
Nome 443-2219
www.crowley.com

Naknek Barge

Seattle (206) 658 0222

Western Pioneer

Seattle, WA 1 (800) 426-6783
Dutch Harbor 581-4404
Kodiak 486-4227
www.westernpioneer.com

Northland Services

Seattle 1 (800) 426 3113 ext 577
Anchorage 276-4030
Juneau 1-800-888-9821
Bethel 543-4649
Kotzebue 442-3967
Nome 443-5738
www.northlandservicesinc.com

Alaska Marine Lines

Seattle, 1 (800) 326-8346
Anchorage 339-5150
Juneau 586-3790
www.lynden.com/aml/



Samson Tug and Barge

Seattle 1 (800) 331-3522
Dutch Harbor 581-4077
www.samsontug.com

Alaska Hovercraft

Anchorage 245-1931

Air Transport Contact Information

Northern Air Cargo

Anchorage, 1 (800)478-3330
www.nacargo.com

Hageland

1 (866)239-0119
www.hageland.com

Grant Aviation

Anchorage 248-7025
Bethel 1 (800) 764-7607
www.flygrant.com

Arctic Circle Air

Anchorage 245-1382
Bethel 543-5906
Dillingham 842-3870
Fairbanks 474-0112
www.arctic-circle-air.com



Listed below are companies that buy recyclables and their Jan 2005 prices. Prices fluctuate depending on the markets. When your community is ready to ship recyclables, contact the companies for their current prices and discuss your particular shipping and recycling logistics with them.

January 2005 Buy Back Prices (\$/weight) (Note these prices fluctuate frequently)

Companies that buy back recyclables	Aluminum Cans (\$/lb) Comments	Plastic - PET (#1) (\$/lb) Comments	Plastic - HDPE (#2) (\$/lb) Comments	Steel Tin Cans (\$/lb) Comments	Corrugated Cardboard (\$/ton) Comments	Mixed Paper (\$/ton) Comments	Do they charge a pickup/haul fee from the Seattle dock?	
Anchorage Recycling Center Tel: 562-2267 (ALPAR 274-3266)	\$0.20 Cans can be shipped to the Anchorage airport through designated airlines via the ALPAR program.							
Bethel Recycling Center Tel: (907) 543-7072 (ALPAR 274-3266)	\$0.20 Cans can be shipped to Bethel via designated airlines/barges via the ALPAR program.							
West Seattle Recycling Location: Seattle, WA Tel: 206 935 4255 Contact: Jonathon Howe	\$0.40 This price is for baled cans only. Prices for loose cans range from \$0.25-\$0.30 depending on quantity.	\$0.015			\$30 Cardboard must be baled. Prices range from \$20-\$40/ton depending on bale wt and total quantity.	\$15 Paper must be baled. Prices range from \$10-\$30/ton depending on bale wt and total quantity.	No pickup fee.	
Skagit River Steel Recycling Location: Burlington, WA Tel: (360) 757-6096 Contact: Lois	\$0.57 \$0.57/lb is for baled cans. They pay \$0.48/lb for loose cans	\$0.02	\$0.02	These prices are for baled plastic. If not baled, they will take for free.	\$0.005 Tin cans need to be as clean as can be (free of food/residue etc.).	\$70 Priced based on baled cardboard. If loose, they pay \$50/ton	\$40 Price based on baled paper. If loose, they pay \$20/ton.	No pickup fee.
Seattle Iron & Metals Corp Location: Seattle, WA Tel: (206) 682-0040	\$0.63 This price is for baled or loose cans.				\$0.025 Tin cans need to be as clean as can be (free of food/residue etc.).		No pickup fee if shipping on Northland, Boyer, Samson, or Lynden.	
Pacific Iron & Metal Co. Location: Seattle, WA Tel: 1 (800) 664-4884	\$0.55 \$0.55/lb for a shipment of cans over one ton. \$0.52 /lb for under one ton. Cans can be baled or loose.						No pickup fee. They give special rates to AK so mention where you're from!	
Merlin Plastics Location: Vancouver, Canada Tel: (604) 522 6799 Contact: Tony Moucachen		\$0.13	\$0.16*	(*\$0.16/lb for clear HDPE (milk bottles) and \$0.06/lb for mixed color HDPE bottles) Plastics must be baled & they prefer a "truckload" amt. at one time.			They will pickup for free at the VANCOUVER port only.	
Seadrunar Recycling Location: Seattle, WA Tel: (206) 467 7550	\$0.29 Costs for cans vary on amount shipped: 1-99lbs \$0.26/lb; 100-199lbs \$0.29/lb; over 200lbs \$0.32/lb Cans can be loose or baled.			Will take plastics for free.		\$45	\$45 white \$80/ton colored \$45/ton news \$40/ton mixed \$45/ton	\$100
Weyerhaeuser Location: Kent, WA Tel: (253) 372-1360 Contact: Dave Kumar	\$0.50 Price is for baled cans. If loose they pay \$0.40/lb.			Will take plastic for free		\$100 Weyerhaeuser may be able to provide free training and equipment for your community.	\$50 ranges from \$25-\$75/ton	No pickup fee.
Calbag Metals Location: Tacoma, WA Tel: (800) 801-5732 Contact: GJ	\$0.55 This is the price if shipped to the Tacoma, WA dock. Price will be slightly less if shipped to the Seattle dock.							No pickup fee.

Notes: Recycling companies require that recyclable materials are relatively clean (free of garbage and other debris)

Mixed paper typically refers to non-separated newspaper, office paper (white or colored), envelopes, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, and uncorrugated cardboard. Carbon paper is not allowed. When shipping mixed paper for recycling, most companies require that it's free of garbage and other debris, and the moisture content is less than 10%.

A note on cardboard: There are 2 types of cardboard – uncorrugated and corrugated. *Uncorrugated* cardboard (also called chip- or paper-board) is generally flat and is typically used in cereal boxes, shoe boxes, frozen food packaging, tissue boxes etc., and can generally be recycled with mixed paper, but not with corrugated cardboard. *Corrugated* cardboard has a ruffled layer between the two flat pieces of cardboard and is often used in packing/moving boxes.

When recycling corrugated cardboard, most companies require that it's free of garbage and other debris, that it DOESNT contain uncorrugated cardboard or wax-lined cardboard, and that the moisture content is less than 10%.

When recycling plastics, containers need to be separated into PET (marked with a #1 on the bottom), and HDPE (marked with a #2 on the bottom). Examples of PET plastics are: two-liter bottles, pop bottles, etc. Examples of HDPE plastics are: milk jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent bottles, bleach bottles, lotion/shampoo bottles etc.