

Below are some suggestions for dealing with recyclables and keeping them out of your landfill:

The Bethel Recycling Center is here to help your village get into recycling by giving you the information you need to start the process. Aluminum cans are the first step since all the villages can get free shipping to either Bethel or Anchorage by way of the Flying Cans Program. Most villages bag up their aluminum cans then box them and tape them closed so there is no chance of cans getting loose and ending up rattling around in the baggage compartment of these planes and making pilots unhappy. We want to keep the pilots happy, since they are doing us a free service. On the outside of the box there needs to be attached a label with either the Bethel Recycling Center or the Alpar label indicating that these cans are going to Northern Air Cargo in Bethel and then they will be back hauled to Anchorage. For the cans going to Bethel I just need the Bethel Recycling Center marked on the box and My Phone Number which is 543-7072. You might want to keep in mind that the City will only allow me to pay .20 cents a pound where as if you send them to anchorage you will get .35 cents a pound.

Car and boat batteries can be packed in a fish tote and back hauled to Bethel's Napa Store by barge or someone in the village who is willing to bring them in. Napa is willing to take them but they ask that you put one layer down and then put a few layers of cardboard or thin plywood between them so that the top batteries do not get punctured and spill acid everywhere.

Make a furnace out of an old fuel tank and burn your excess paper and cardboard at the landfill.

Get a 20 container and collect scrap stainless steel, copper and aluminum pieces. Talk to Northland or Alaska Logistics about back hauling this container for you to Seattle. Every container of scrap metal I have sent to Calbag Metals in Seattle has come to over \$5000 dollars in added revenue. It costs about 12-1400 dollars to backhaul a 20 foot container from Bethel to Seattle. So it is worth it to do this.

If you start doing containers, it would be worth while to get a small used baler and bale plastic, paper, cardboard, and aluminum cans and shipping them your self.

E-Waste is computers, monitors, printers, copy machines and the like. These you can ship to companies like Total Reclaim, but be aware that it will cost you somewhere around .35 cents a pound to get rid of these items on top of the shipping cost.

If there is anyway I can help you, don't hesitate to call Dave at 543-7072.