

ALPAR's Flying Cans Recycling Program



IMPORTANT Shipping and Packaging Instructions

• *Collect your community's Aluminum Cans*

Empty cans of all liquid. This is especially important - if bags of cans leak any liquid, airlines will refuse to ship them. Make sure they're absolutely empty and there is not trash or dirt in bags. We recommend that you **crush or fold** the cans, but it's **NOT** required. For advice on your collection program, please call ALPAR at **907-644-7968**.

• *Package the Cans for Shipping*

Package the cans in heavy-duty plastic bags. If the bags aren't extremely strong, cans should be double-bagged. (You can order *ALPAR Green Recycle Bags* for shipping cans: Call **907-644-7968** or email alpar@gci.net.)

The cans will be handled roughly during loading and unloading. Bags of cans will be thrown, dropped and packed tightly against other cargo. Be sure that each bag of cans is packaged securely so that it won't break or come open during rough handling.

• *Identify Yourself to Receive Payment for Cans*

Tags/Labels must include YOUR name, address and telephone number.
If bags or not labeled, you will not receive payment for the cans.

Secure the bags to make sure they don't come open at the top during shipment. You may knot the bags or use wire, twine or heavy-duty tape to securely close the top.

• *Fasten SECURELY and Label EVERY Bag*

Secure the bag to insure it does not come open. Knot, tie or tape with heavy-duty tape. Remember that each bag of cans must be marked in such a way that the airline crew can quickly and simply identify it as aluminum cans which are headed to Anchorage for recycling at the Anchorage Recycling Center.

Tag or attach a label to the outside of each bag with the following information:

1. To: NAC
ALPAR Flying Cans
(907) 562-2267
2. From: Organization **name** or person's name and **return address**
Your **telephone number** (*This is the name the check is written to.*)

To tag the bags, use clear packing tape to **completely cover label** on each bag near the top or use heavy duty tags that can be tied onto the bags and will not be lost.

Bags may be separated during shipment. **Be sure that every bag is labeled.**

Only Aluminum cans are accepted. NO STEEL CANS! Call ALPAR about signing up for the Flying #1 PET Plastic Bottle Program (soda and water bottles.)

ALPAR Flying Plastic

Plastic #1 PET Bottle Recycling now available!

What are #1 PET Bottles?

PETE (Polyethylene terephthalate) is commonly used to package soft drinks, water, juice, sports drinks, salad dressing & oil, peanut butter, various condiments and sauces, and non-food products like dish soap. Bottles are typically clear but can be “see-through” green, blue or amber. Look for the chasing arrow symbol with a 1 in the middle. **A bottle must have a neck and screw top.**

Rules of Recycling #1 PET Bottles:

Decide if it is a #1 PETE Bottle – look for the symbol on the bottom of the bottle and sort separately from cans.

- Remove caps.
- Empty all liquid, rinse out residue.
- Crush or flatten to save space.
- Bring to drop-off area in bags or bins. Be sure to follow instructions!
- #1 Bottles *must* have a neck – no other plastics will be taken.

Why Recycle #1 Bottles?

- Saves landfill space and it's the most plentiful and valuable plastic.
- Saves energy.
- Decreases pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Provides materials to make new products such as new bottles, fleece, fiberfill for clothing, pillows and sleeping bags and much more.

How to collect and deliver your #1 plastic bottles:

- Use a box, bag or bin to collect your #1 PET bottles
- Bring to your community collection station as directed

Fun Facts About PET Bottles

- The PET bottle was patented in 1973 by chemist Nathaniel Wyeth (brother of distinguished American painter Andrew Wyeth).
 - The first PET bottle was recycled in 1977.
- An estimated 9,400 curbside collection programs and 10,000 drop-off programs collect PET plastic in the United States, currently.
 - Approximate number of 16 oz. PET beverage bottles per pound - 18
 - Cubic yards conserved in a landfill by recycling 16 oz. PET beverage bottles: 4800
- Since 1978, manufacturers have reduced the weight of a two-liter bottle by about 29%, from 68 grams to 48 grams.
 - Recycling a ton of PET containers saves 7.4 cubic yards of landfill space.
- According to the EPA, recycling a pound of PET saves approximately 12,000 BTU's.
- The average household generated 42 pounds of PET plastic bottles in the year 2005.
- Nineteen 20 oz. PET bottles yield enough fiber for an extra large T-shirt, or enough to make one square foot of carpet.
 - It takes 63 20 oz. PET bottles to make a sweater.
 - Fourteen 20 oz. PET bottles yield enough fiberfill for a ski jacket.
- It takes 114 20 oz. PET bottles to make enough fiberfill for a sleeping bag.

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