

WHERE DOES THE RECYCLING GO?

Recycled Materials get new life with the Benzie County Recycling Program!

Cardboard – This is shipped to Manistee/Filer City, MI where it is made back into corrugated material.

Fiber - Newspapers/magazines/office paper/junk mail/phone Books/paperback books & paper products are pulped and marketed to be made back into a paper product like hand toweling, pressed fiber such as cereal boxes, egg cartons, etc.

Plastics - #1 PET is washed and ground and is made back into plastic banding products which is used for shipping / packaging, clothing, carpet, etc
- #2 HDPE is washed and ground and is made back into plastic lumber products, miscellaneous plastic bottles and jugs, drain tile, garbage bags, etc.
- #4,#5,#6,#7 Plastics - These plastics are shredded and blended into a product that is used as an alternative fuel replacement for coal with the end product used in Northern Michigan.

Tin / Aluminum – These materials are processed, shredded and then made back into Steel / Aluminum products.

Glass – This material is currently being crushed and used as a road resurfacing as a gravel alternative on several roads at the Wexford landfill, which American Waste, Inc. owns and operates.

Currently 75% of Benzie County Recyclable Materials are sent to end markets within Michigan and the remaining 25% going to markets within the Midwest.

Look for “post-consumer” recycling content on packaging when you shop. That means you are buying products packaged in part with recyclable materials.

Consumers: Buy in bulk, bring your reusable bags, avoid disposable products that you use once and throw away.

Look in the Recycling Brochures for options on properly recycling or disposing of items that are not allowed in the single stream recycling bins.

Remember.....

Reduce what you bring into the home

Reuse what you can or repurpose items that can be donated to stores, libraries, friends, etc.

Then Recycle!

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