

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.....

WHAT is SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING? Paper, cardboard, tin, plastic & glass (bottles/jars only) can ALL go in the same recycling bin together.

WHO pays for the recycling program? Households in Benzie County pay an annual fee for recycling and hazardous waste collections. This is not a tax. It is a recycling surcharge fee. Businesses do not pay this fee; only households pay for the recycling program and only households may use it.

WHAT can be recycled in the program? Households can recycle tin and aluminum containers, all colors of glass bottles and jars, #1 - #7 plastic bottles and jars, paper, cardboard and plastic shopping bags at any of the 24 / 7 recycling drop off sites. Everything must be rinsed, free from food residue and boxes broken down flat.

WHERE are the recycling sites located? There are seven 24 / 7 recycling drop off sites throughout Benzie County: 924 Main Street Frankfort (East end of Boat Launch), Save-A-Lot Shopping Center in Benzonia, Municipal Parking Lot in Beulah, Road Commission in Honor, Lake Ann Elementary School on Bronson Lake Road (Inland Twp.) Thompsonville DPW Maintenance Garage and Almira Township Park.

WHO may recycle at these sites? Benzie County Residents may use any of the recycling sites. No out of County use is permitted.

HOW can I save money by recycling? When shopping, buy items that are in recyclable containers, buy in large quantities for less packaging, pass by disposable items for reusable items. You can reduce your trash disposal costs by using budget bags for waste and recycle whatever you can in this program.

WHAT about Styrofoam? PolyStyrene is a #6 plastic. Foam trays, cups and take out packaging that has the #6 inside the recycling logo are acceptable in our recycling program. Break down large packaging Styrofoam into smaller pieces before placing in the recycling bins. Packing peanuts are not accepted in the program. Insulation Styrofoam is not accepted in the program.

DO we profit from any of the marketed recyclables? Our current contract with American Waste Inc. offers a Revenue Sharing Program which provides a Rebate of 5% on all recycling commodities as determined by the Pulp & Paper industry on a monthly basis. This is the only profit to the program as all recyclables must be transported, sorted, baled and marketed by a material recovery facility. Benzie County does not have a material recovery facility. Our main goal is to conserve natural resources and keep recyclables out of the landfill.

You may now recycle more and throw away less with the expanded single stream recycling program.

Call the recycling coordinator @ 882-0554 with any recycling questions.