

Recycling Rules to Remember

Benzie County's 24/7 residential recycling program offers Single Stream Recycling at 7 recycling locations. By recycling at these drop off locations it reduces household trash volume and waste disposal costs significantly. Save money by throwing away less and recycling more!

Here's a list of the simple rules we all must follow in the recycling program:

- All recyclables must be clean and empty (no food or liquids)
- All cardboard boxes must be flattened.
- All plastic must have a recycling logo with a # inside it (All numbers of plastic may be recycled from #1 - #7). This includes plastic bags – look for the number.
- Recyclable plastics and tin & aluminum containers may be placed together in one bin with paper & flat cardboard.
- Juice boxes, milk cartons, etc. may go in the bin with tin, plastic & paper. This is called Aseptic packaging and is now acceptable in the program.
- Polystyrene packaging with a #6 on it may go in the bin with tin, plastic & paper (clean, take-out packaging, produce trays, cups, etc.)
- Shredded paper and mixed paper can be placed in the bin inside a paper bag.
- Other than shredded paper, all other recyclables must be loose.
- Plastic bags must be emptied of its contents and placed loosely in the bin. Tear open your bag and let items drop into the window of the bin.
- Glass bottles and jars are accepted in the single stream bins. No window glass or ceramics allowed, only bottles and jars are accepted.
- Never leave anything on the ground at a recycling site. That is illegal dumping. Violators will be prosecuted.
- Never put trash or construction material in a recycling bin. That is also illegal dumping. Violators will be prosecuted.
- Recycling sites are for Benzie County residential use.
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If everyone follows the simple rules listed above, we will continue to have an efficient and cost-effective program. Call the Recycling Coordinator with any questions or suggestions at 882-0554, email benzierecycler@benzieco.net or visit the website at www.benzieco.net click on departments, then on Solid Waste/Recycling.

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