

## WHERE DOES THE RECYCLING GO? It doesn't go to a landfill!

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

**Cardboard** – Cardboard collected in school trailers is shipped to Manistee/Filer City, MI where it is made back into corrugated material. This public service is provided by Packaging Corporation of America, Filer City, MI.

**Fiber** - Newspapers/magazines/office paper/junk mail/phone Books/paperback books, cardboard & paper products are sorted, baled and marketed to be made back into a paper product like hand toweling, pressed fiber such as cereal boxes, egg cartons, etc. Benzie County fiber is shipped to Georgia Pacific, Graphic Packaging, and Pratt Industries.

**Plastics** Most Benzie County Plastics are shipped to CleanTech, Dundee MI.

- #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, packaging products, miscellaneous plastic bottles and jugs, drain tile, garbage bags, etc.
- #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 Other - These plastics are shredded and blended into a product that is used as processed engineered fuel, with the end product used in Northern Michigan.

**Tin / Aluminum** – These materials are processed, shredded and then made back into Steel / Aluminum products. Benzie County metals are shipped to Padnos, Traverse City, MI.

**Glass** – This material is currently being crushed and used as a road resurfacing as a gravel alternative on access 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.

Whenever you can.....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 proper recycling or disposal 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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