

# ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING



RECYCLE MONTANA

## BENEFIT

- ♻️ Recycling one ton of aluminum:
  - Saves 14,000 kWh of energy
  - Saves 39.6 barrels (1,663 gallons) of oil
  - Saves 237 million BTUs of energy
  - Saves 10 cubic yards of landfill space

## ITEMS TO RECYCLE

- ♻️ Aluminum cans
- ♻️ Aluminum food trays (rinse and clean)



## TIPS TO REDUCE CONTAMINATION

- ♻️ Recycled cans can be crushed or not, depending upon your storage capabilities.
- ♻️ Cans that are rinsed out will have little or no odor and are less likely to attract bugs.
- ♻️ Don't put plastic, paper or any other bags in the aluminum recycling bin and remove cans from the bags.
- ♻️ Remove plastic can holders and do not put any other items in with your aluminum recycling.

## DID YOU KNOW

- ♻️ A used aluminum can is recycled and can be back on the grocery store shelf as a new can in less than 60 days.
- ♻️ Recycling aluminum takes 95% less energy than making aluminum from raw materials.
- ♻️ Aluminum is one of the only materials in the consumer and industrial waste stream that more than pays for its own recycling.
- ♻️ An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now.
- ♻️ There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminum can, can be recycled.
- ♻️ We consume over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year.
- ♻️ Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours, or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.
- ♻️ Tossing away an aluminum can wastes as much energy as pouring out half of the can's volume of gasoline.
- ♻️ America recycles about 120,000 aluminum cans every minute.