

UAA Recycling Guide For Work And Home



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it's easy!



Your guide to recycling at work and home

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Sustainability at UAA isn't just a word – it's a term that defines us, and how we interact with the world. The Office of Sustainability is building a future for UAA and the Great Land through environmentally wise, economically sound, and socially responsibility actions.

The members of the UAA Paper and Energy Reduction Working Group and staff at the Office of Sustainability developed this reference guide for you. It highlights what can be recycled at UAA (work) and what and where things can be recycled within the Municipality of Anchorage (home).

@ Work

UAA has a terrific student-staffed recycling program. They pick up recycling on and off campus once a week. Check out all that can be recycled at UAA

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We know that recycling is important to you at work and home. If you want to recycle something, chances are this guide will give you information about where you can drop it off.

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Blue UAA Recycle Bin

Look for the recycling bins across campus. They are various colors, shapes and sizes (dark green and blue primarily) but are always there for your recycling convenience. Maps of the locations of recycling bins are available at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/sustainability/Recycling/pick-up-locations.cfm>.

@ Work

Save money- it costs \$63/ ton to send things to the landfill. UAA avoids this cost when we recycle.

YOU can recycle:

- Mixed paper includes magazines, catalogs, junk mail, cereal boxes, soft-cover books with glue binding, manila folders, newspaper, white and colored office paper
- Cardboard broken down
- Plastics #1 and #2 WITH NECKS, plastic film and the lids to #1 plastic bottles
- Steel and aluminum cans empty and clean
- Scrap metal *Auto Diesel* and the welding shop are currently taking scrap metal to Alaska Metal Recycling. Call to make sure that they can accept your metal.
- Pre-consumer food waste from the *Commons* is composted while the road is clear to the windrow site.
- Toner cartridges most toner cartridges can be returned to the manufacturer in the box they arrived in – for free (a mailing label is provided). Otherwise, *Cartridge Connection* and *Office Max* recycle cartridges.
- Batteries Soon to come – pick up with other recycling
- Books when you move out of your office, give your textbooks to students or rip off the cover and recycle the paper.



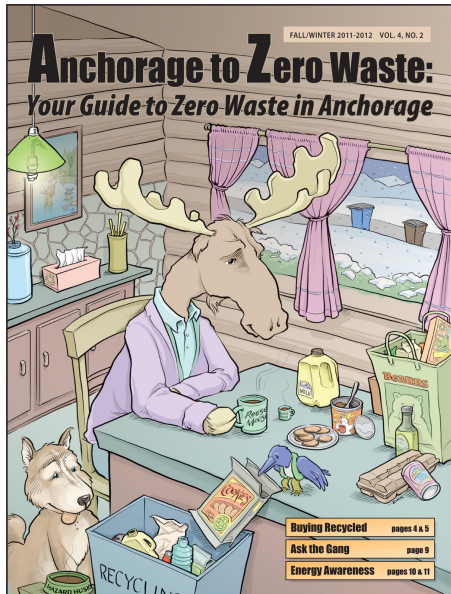
UMed Electronics Recycling Drive

On April 23rd 2011, Total Reclaim and the UAA Recycling crew collected 29,114 pounds of electronics, batteries and other materials. That's almost 15 tons! Total Reclaim did the event at no cost to the community. If Total Reclaim had charged for this recycling, the cost would have been \$10,190, and that does not include their labor.

AT WORK YOU MUST RECYCLE:

Electronics – including computers, printers, monitors, cell phones, fax machines, etc.¹

¹ UAA enjoys "Conditionally Exempt Low-Emitter Status" from EPA because we recycle our electronics and responsibly dispose of chemicals used in experiments on campus. It is estimated that it would cost UAA \$50,000 a year to report our emissions if we lose this status. So, help us avoid this expense by making sure your computers, printers, monitors, cell phones and other electronics get to GSS for recycling by Total Reclaim.



Anchorage to Zero Waste
Guide

The Municipality of Anchorage produces a wonderful guide about what can and cannot be recycled in Anchorage. The guide also includes a list of companies from which you can buy products made right here in Anchorage using recycled materials, tips on how to reduce your waste and your energy consumption, and much more. You can download the guide at this link:

<http://www.muni.org/departments/sws/recycle/Pages/default.aspx>

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There are recycling opportunities that are not included in the A to Z guide. These include:

Electronics *Best Buy* on Dimond takes: CDs and DVDs and cases, rechargeable batteries, remotes and controllers, gift cards, ink and toner cartridges, wires, cords and cables. They even take old phones and PDA's such as Palm Pilots.

Ink and Toner cartridges can also be recycled at *Office Depot*, *Office Max* and *Cartridge Connection*. Many companies provide a postage-prepaid bag that you can use to return your printer cartridges to the manufacturer for re-use or recycling.

Plastic plant containers Last summer, *Lowe's* took these back no matter which garden store they had been purchased from.

The *Alaska Botanical Garden* hosts plant container recycling one day each year in August.

Glass At their store on C street, *Target* takes back glass purchased at its stores. You must specifically ask about this service for them to direct you to the bin.

Used Home Appliances and Furnishings. When you remodel, the *Habitat for Humanity ReStore* located at 5023 Cordova Street in Anchorage takes many household items (asphalt shingles, some appliances, some window treatments, cabinets, etc.) that are gently used and still functional. Call in advance to make sure they can take what you have: 907-743-8060.

Paints and stains If paints and stains are in good condition, they can be taken to the Central Transfer Station just south of Sourdough Mining Co. to be reused.

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Clothing, household items, games, and treasures:

There are many thrift and consignment stores in Anchorage at which you can find clothing, household items, games, and some really great treasures. This is just a partial list of these stores:

- Value Villages
- Salvation Army Stores
- Child to Child
- Back2School
- Off the Rack
- The Clothesline
- Second Run
- Plato's Closet
- Plain Jane
- Alaska SPCA
- Title Wave
- Once Upon a Child
- Ron's Used Furniture
- Play It Again Sports

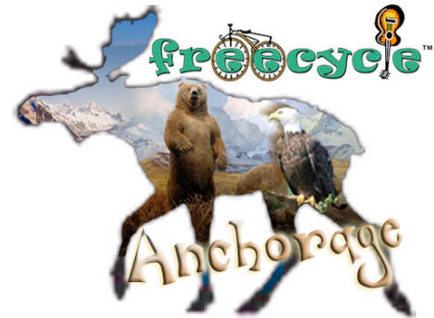
Re-usable items. There are also a wide variety of Internet services at which you can buy and re-use items, including

Anchorage Freecycle:
<http://groups.freecycle.org/freecycleanchorage/description>

Craigslist:
<http://anchorage.craigslist.org/>

Ebay:
<http://anchorage.ebayclassifieds.com/>

Whenever you shop online at these sites, you should be wary of fraud!



Anchorage Freecycle

The Freecycle Network(TM) in Anchorage is open to all Anchorage residents who want to "recycle" something rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano or an old door, feel free to post an offer for it; unless it is a live animal, gun, or prescription medication. Maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself! Post a wanted message asking for it. One constraint: everything posted must be free, appropriate for all ages and it must be legal.



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