

RECYCLABLE ITEMS

The less trash going into the landfill = less cost for you, the Borough, and the land.



CARDBOARD

Corrugated cardboard (look for ridges) and brown paper bags. Must be clean & dry. No "waxed" boxes or greasy pizza boxes.



NEWSPAPERS

Must be clean and dry, inserts ok.



MIXED PAPER

Magazines, catalogs, cereal type boxes, softcover books, construction & craft paper, neon & dark paper, greeting cards, gift wrap, egg cartons, etc.



OFFICE PAPER

Computer, white, pastel-colored, fax, legal pad, phone message pad, manila file folders & envelopes, card stock, junk mail, index cards, etc.



#1 PETE BOTTLES

Soda, juice, and water bottles, etc. Dimple on the bottom. Empty contents & rinse. No lids, caps, or pumps.



#2 HDPE BOTTLES & JUGS

Milk jugs, windshield wiper fluid, cat litter, liquid laundry detergent, shampoo, etc. No motor oil or paint containers. No lids.



#5 PP CONTAINERS

Margarine tubs, yogurt, sour cream, medication containers, #5 lids, etc. Gallon sized containers and smaller.



PLASTIC BAGS & FILM

Grocery & produce bags, casewrap & overwrap, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, clear bags & wrap, bubble wrap.



ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS

Beer, soda, etc. Magnet will not stick! Empty contents and rinse, crushed or whole.



STEEL FOOD CANS

Soup, dog food, vegetables, canning lids & rings, metal lids from jars, labels ok. Empty contents and rinse. No aerosol cans. Magnet will stick!



KITCHEN ALUMINUM

Foil, foil bakeware, most cat food cans and lids. Magnet will not stick! Must be clean, no food residue.

RECYCLING LOCATIONS

Where to dispose of your recyclables.
NOTE: VCRS accepts all items listed on the left.

VALLEY COMMUNITY for RECYCLING SOLUTIONS (VCRS)

9465 E Chanlyut Cir, Palmer
(next to the Central Landfill)
www.valleyrecycling.org | 907-745-5544

TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING BINS:

Big Lake (*accepts limited items*)
13507 Hollywood Road | 907-861-7611

Sutton (*accepts limited items*)
15625 North Glenn Highway | 907-861-7613

Talkeetna (*accepts limited items*)
24150 South Comsat Road Mile 11.8 Talkeetna
Spur Road | 907-861-7614

Willow (*accepts limited items*)
15469 N Willow Station Road | 907-861-7615

*The Transfer Station recycling bins are manned by
volunteers from your local community council.
Items accepted vary by Transfer Station.*

*More information can be found at:
[http://valleyrecycling.org/what-how-to-recycle/
transfer-site-recycling/](http://valleyrecycling.org/what-how-to-recycle/transfer-site-recycling/)*

WHAT IS CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION (C&D) MATERIAL?

C&D cell materials are items that can be placed in a much less expensive unlined cell, saving us all money by avoiding unnecessary use of lined cell airspace. Please divert items like concrete, wood, and furniture to save that money.

MAILING ADDRESS:
Attn: Solid Waste Division
350 E Dahlia Avenue
Palmer, AK 99645

PHONE:
(907) 861-7600

FACEBOOK:
Matanuska-Susitna
Borough Solid Waste
Division

WEBSITE:
www.matsugov.us



COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING



COMPOSTING 101

The natural process involving the decomposition of organic material into a soil-like product called compost or humus.



The composting process works with the help of micro-organisms, such as bacteria and fungi, combined with air and moisture. Humus, the end-product of the compost process, is an extremely nutritious, natural soil supplement that improves plant growth and reduces soil erosion.

Composting is an easy and inexpensive way to become more environmentally friendly. Here is how you can get started in your own backyard.

1 Choose a flat area of your yard with access to water. If bears are a concern, stage the pile away from the area where children and/or pets play.

2 Purchase or construct a compost bin, ideally 3'x3' (one cubic yard) in size. Or you can build your pile on top of a piece of plywood.

3 Layer 4 to 6 inches of straw, leaves, or brushy material on the bottom of your bin to promote air circulation. Moisten the pile.

4 Now alternate layers of GREEN material (fruit/veggie scraps, grass clippings, etc.) and BROWN material (dead leaves, shredded newspaper, etc.). Moisten each layer as you build.

5 After you have a cubic yard of layered material, cover it with a tarp or plastic. Let it sit and heat up. Turn it for the first time on the 8th day.

6 Turn the pile every 3-5 days to aerate it and mix ingredients. Even if you don't turn it regularly, it will decompose, though more slowly.

7 The compost is finished when the material is dark and smells good - about 8 weeks if you turn it; all summer if you don't.

8 The piles can over-winter as is; it will resume decomposing in the spring.

FREE composting classes for MSB residents at the landfill! Classes are listed on our Facebook page and website or you can call 907-861-7605 for more information.



Spending a little time and effort to manage your waste will help save you money, and help the environment and animals in the long run.

Did you know?

The Central Landfill costs \$8 million PLUS to run annually.

Caribou and reindeer consume plastic bags, which block food and lead to mortality.

Over 30% of household waste in the landfill is organic matter that can be composted.

By removing paper from the waste stream, 20% less waste would be landfilled.

The Mat-Su Borough offers free composting classes.

Plastic can last for 1,000,000 years in the ground!