



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

	<p>HOW MUCH GARBAGE DOES EACH RESIDENT PRODUCE?</p>	<p>The national average is 4.44 lbs. per person/day. Fairbanks North Star Borough average is higher at 5.75 lbs. per person/day.</p>
	<p>WHY DO I NEED TO RINSE & SORT OUT MY CONTAINERS?</p>	<p>To meet the industry standard of 3% or less contamination.</p>
	<p>WHY DO I NEED TO SORT MY MATERIALS BEFORE I DROP THEM OFF?</p>	<p>Sorting your recycling is an important step to help ensure that materials collected are recycled properly. Presorting helps reduce drop-off time and allows for faster processing / baling.</p>
	<p>WHAT DOES CONTAMINATION MEAN & WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW RECYCLING GUIDELINES?</p>	<p>Contamination is food, oils, residue not rinsed from containers. Contamination also occurs when recycled items are not presorted into appropriate categories.</p>
	<p>WHY WON'T YOU ACCEPT MY ALUMINUM PET FOOD CANS?</p>	<p>Risk of contamination and the waxy liner inside the can.</p>
	<p>WHERE CAN I TAKE MY PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS?</p>	<p>Check your local grocery store; many local businesses have bins in their entry way to recycle these items.</p>
	<p>WHY WON'T YOU ACCEPT GLASS BOTTLES?</p>	<p>Fairbanks, Alaska, doesn't have a glass processor. FNSB solicited proposals for glass recycling; however, no proposals were received.</p>
	<p>WHERE CAN I TAKE MY TIN CANS?</p>	<p>Check with your local scrap metal recyclers.</p>
	<p>HOW CAN I DISPOSE OF MY LIGHT BULBS?</p>	<p>Please refer to the "Fairbanks Recycling Guide".</p>
	<p>WHY CAN'T YOU ACCEPT MY MATERIALS IF I LIVE IN DELTA JUNCTION OR ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH?</p>	<p>The Central Recycling Facility is paid for by the residents of Fairbanks North Star Borough.</p>
	<p>IS RECYCLING AT THE CRF FREE?</p>	<p>YES, at this time.</p>
	<p>WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MATERIALS AFTER I DROP IT OFF?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Materials are inspected for quality before compacting into bales. 2. Bales are transported to Anchorage (cardboard & newspaper remain in Alaska); then are barged to a port in Washington. 3. Items are transported to mills for processing into new products.
	<p>WHY DON'T YOU ACCEPT PLASTIC 'TO-GO BOXES' WITH THE #1 PETE?</p>	<p>Our current contractor is unable to recycle this type of plastic.</p>
	<p>WHAT DO THE SYMBOLS (1-7) ON PLASTICS MEAN?</p>	<p>It is the resin identification code, which denotes what type of resin the piece is made from. Here are the seven (7) different types:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE), water/juice/soda bottles 2 - High Density Polyethylene (HDPE), milk/detergent/shampoo jugs 3 – Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), film packaging, rigid containers 4 – Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE), grocery bags 5 – Polypropylene (PP), food containers/lids 6 – Polystyrene (PS), cups/to-go containers 7 – OTHER (mixed resins), containers, other plastic products