

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.....

WHAT is SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING? Paper, cardboard, tin, & plastic can ALL go in the same recycling bin together. Glass is the only item that has to be placed in a separate bin.

WHO pays for the recycling program? Households in Benzie County pay an annual fee for recycling and hazardous waste collections. This is not a tax. It is a recycling surcharge fee. Businesses do not pay this fee; only households pay for the recycling program and only households may use it.

WHAT can be recycled in the program? Households can recycle tin and aluminum containers, all colors of glass bottles and jars, #1 - #7 plastic bottles and jars, paper & flat cardboard and plastic shopping bags at any of the 24 / 7 recycling drop off sites. Everything must be rinsed and free from food residue.

WHERE are the recycling sites located? There are seven 24 / 7 recycling drop off sites throughout Benzie County: 404 Parkview Lane in Frankfort's Industrial Park, Save-A-Lot Shopping Center in Benzonia, Municipal Parking Lot in Beulah, Road Commission in Honor, Lake Ann Elementary School on Bronson Lake Road (Inland Twp) Thompsonville Industrial Park and Almira Township Park.

WHO may recycle at these sites? Benzie County Residents may use any of the recycling sites. No commercial use without a permit. No out of county use is permitted.

HOW can I save money by recycling? When shopping, buy items that are in recyclable containers, buy in large quantities for less packaging, pass by disposable items for reusable items. You can reduce your trash disposal costs by using budget bags for waste and recycle whatever you can in this program.

WHAT about Styrofoam? Styrofoam trays, cups and take out packaging that has the #6 inside the recycling logo are acceptable in our recycling program. Don't put large packaging Styrofoam in any of the recycling bins. There will be several collections in 2012 where Styrofoam will be collected and recycled. This website lists the 2012 collection dates and locations. In addition to these scheduled collections, the coordinator will be at your township clean up days to recycle Styrofoam for you.

DO we profit from any of the marketed recyclables? The recycling program does not profit from collected recyclables. They must be transported, sorted, baled and marketed by a recovery facility. Benzie County does not have a recovery facility. Our main purpose is to conserve natural resources and keep recyclables out of the landfill. The cardboard program at the schools profit from recycling. Students receive \$50 per ton from Packaging Corporation of America for cardboard collected at the schools. Please use these cardboard trailers to recycle your corrugated cardboard.

You may now recycle more and throw away less with the expanded single stream recycling program

Call Marlene @ 882-0554 if you have more questions to be answered!

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