WHERE DOES THE RECYCLING GO?

Recycled Materials get new life with the Benzie County Recycling Program!

**Cardboard** – This is shipped to Manistee/Filer City, MI where it is made back into corrugated material.

**Fiber** - Newspapers/magazines/office paper/junk mail/phone Books/paperback books & paper products are pulped and marketed to be made back into a paper product like hand toweling, pressed fiber such as cereal boxes, egg cartons, etc.

**Plastics** - #1 PET is washed and ground and is made back into plastic banding products which is used for shipping / packaging, clothing, carpet, etc
- #2 HDPE is washed and ground and is made back into plastic lumber products, miscellaneous plastic bottles and jugs, drain tile, garbage bags, etc.
- #4, #5, #6, #7 Plastics - These plastics are shredded and blended into a product that is used as an alternative fuel replacement for coal with the end product used in Northern Michigan.

**Tin / Aluminum** – These materials are processed, shredded and then made back into Steel / Aluminum products.

**Glass** – This material is currently being crushed and used as a road resurfacing as a gravel alternative on several roads at the Wexford landfill, which American Waste, Inc. owns and operates.

Currently 75% of Benzie County Recyclable Materials are sent to end markets within Michigan and the remaining 25% going to markets within the Midwest.

Look for “post-consumer” recycling content on packaging when you shop. That means you are buying products packaged in part with recyclable materials.

Consumers: Buy in bulk, bring your reusable bags, avoid disposable products that you use once and throw away.

**Look in the Recycling Brochures for options on properly recycling or disposing of items that are not allowed in the single stream recycling bins.**

**Remember**…….
**Reduce** what you bring into the home
**Reuse** what you can or repurpose items that can be donated to stores, libraries, friends, etc.
**Then Recycle!**

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