



Getting the Most for Your Recyclables



Listed below are companies that buy recyclables and their December 2010 prices. Prices fluctuate depending on the markets. When your community is ready to ship recyclables, contact the companies for their current prices and discuss your particular shipping and recycling logistics with them.

December 2010 Buy Back Prices (\$/weight) (Note these prices fluctuate frequently)

Companies that buy back recyclables	Aluminum Cans (\$/lb) Comments	Plastic - PET (#1) (\$/lb) Comments	Plastic - HDPE (#2) (\$/lb) Comments	Steel Tin Cans (\$/ton) Comments	Corrugated Carboard (\$/lb) Comments	Mixed Paper (\$/lb) Comments	Do they charge a pickup/haul fee from the Seattle dock?
(ALPAR 274-3266)	\$0.26	designated airlines via the ALPAR program.		plastic, must be clean and empty with the lids removed.	accept without pay	accepts without pay	accepts without pay
Bethel Recycling Center Tel: (907) 543-7072 (ALPAR 274-3266)	\$0.20	Cans can be shipped to Bethel via designated airlines/barges via the ALPAR program.					
West Seattle Recycling Location: Seattle, WA Tel: 206 935 4255 Contact: Jonathon Howe	\$0.37	Prices range from \$0.37-\$0.45 depending on quantity.		accepts without pay bottles, jugs, tubs and jars	accept without pay	accepts without pay	\$0.05-\$0.09 price based on quantity and quality No pickup fee.
Skagit River Steel Recycling Location: Burlington, WA Tel: (360) 757-6096 Contact: Lois	\$0.50	prices increase for baled cans and larger quantities		charge less than the dump	accept without pay	\$0.02 price increases with quantity	\$0.01 must be over 500 lbs No pickup fee.
Seattle Iron & Metals Corp Location: Seattle, WA Tel: (206) 682-0040	\$0.40-\$0.50	price increases for baled cans and larger quantities		\$25.00	Tin cans need to be as clean as possible (free of food/residue etc.).		No pickup fee if shipping on Northland, Boyer, Samson, or Lynden.
Pacific Iron & Metal Co. Location: Seattle, WA Tel: 1 (800) 664-4884	\$0.50	Cans can be baled or loose.					No pickup fee. They give special rates to AK so mention where you're from!
Merlin Plastics Location: Vancouver, Canada Tel: (604) 522 6799 Contact: Tony Moucachen			\$0.05	\$0.05	\$300/bale, separating colors increases price		They will pickup for free at the VANCOUVER port only.
Seadrunar Recycling Location: Seattle, WA Tel: (206) 467 7550	\$0.23	Costs for cans vary on amount shipped: 1-99lbs \$0.23/lb; 100-199lbs \$0.25/lb; over 200lbs \$0.27/lb Cans can be loose or baled.		accept without pay		\$0.0275	\$0.0225 white \$60/ton colored \$45/ton news \$30/ton mixed \$45/ton \$100
Weyerhaeuser Location: Kent, WA Tel: (253) 372-1360 Contact: Dave Kumar		100 lb minimum, call for price quote		accept without pay	do not accept	call for price quote	call for price quote No pickup fee.

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	Calbag Metals Location: Tacoma, WA Tel: (800) 801-5732 Contact: GJ	\$0.58	price increases with quantity				\$140.00					
K & K Recycling Location: Fairbanks, AK Tel: (907)488-1409 Contact: Phil Cole	\$0.35				accept without pay		accept without pay		accept without pay		accept without pay	
C&R Pipe and Steel, Inc. Location: Fairbanks, AK Tel: (907)456-8386 Contact: Lindsay Cook	\$0.30	In order to be paid full price ALUMINUM CANS MUST BE FREE OF TRAMP MATERIALS!										
Smurfit-Stone Recycling Co. Location: Renton, WA Tel: (425)656-9130 Contact: Debbie		call for a price quote			call for a price quote		call for a price quote		call for a price quote		call for a price quote	

Notes: Recycling companies require that recyclable materials are relatively clean (free of garbage and other debris)

Mixed paper typically refers to non-separated newspaper, office paper (white or colored), envelopes, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, and uncorrugated cardboard. Carbon paper is not allowed. When shipping mixed paper for recycling, most companies require that it's free of garbage and other debris, and the moisture content is less than 10%.

A note on cardboard: There are 2 types of cardboard – uncorrugated and corrugated. *Uncorrugated* cardboard (also called chip- or paper-board) is generally flat and is typically used in cereal boxes, shoe boxes, frozen food packaging, tissue boxes etc., and can generally be recycled with mixed paper, but not with corrugated cardboard. *Corrugated* cardboard has a ruffled layer between the two flat pieces of cardboard and is often used in packing/moving boxes.

When recycling corrugated cardboard, most companies require that it's free of garbage and other debris, that it DOESN'T contain uncorrugated cardboard or wax-lined cardboard, and that the moisture content is less than 10%.

When recycling plastics, containers need to be separated into PET (marked with a #1 on the bottom), and HDPE (marked with a #2 on the bottom). Examples of PET plastics are: two-liter bottles, pop bottles, etc. Examples of HDPE plastics are: milk jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent bottles, bleach bottles, lotion/shampoo bottles etc.