

INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RECYCLED ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS?

- (1) RESIDENT Empty beverage cans are RINSED and collected at home
- (2) RESIDENT Cans are dropped off at recycle center
- (3) TOWN Sort out any contamination (items that don't belong)
- (4) TOWN Create compacted bales weighing approx. 550-650 lbs.
- (5) TOWN Bales are stored and then sold to a vendor
- (6) VENDOR Picks up load and delivers to facility for recycle process:
 - a. Break bale and liberate cans
 - b. Shred cans into smaller pieces

- c. Remove paint via delack process
- d. Heat "hot shreds" of aluminum in furnace to produce molten aluminum
- e. Samples taken for spectroscopic analysis
- f. High-purity metals may be added to alter the molten composition to the proper alloy specification depending on the final product desired
- g. Depending on the end product (in this case UBCs), the molten aluminum is poured into a holding furnace where it is formed into large slabs for rolling
- h. Slabs are coiled and transported to manufacturing facilities for further processing into new materials.

Recycling your RINSED aluminum beverage cans is easy to do and is a great revenue for the Town, which helps offset costs and keep taxes down. Thank you for RECYCLING RIGHT and caring about the environment!

