

# REAPS READER

Have you helped the environment today?

## Aluminum Can Recycling

Aluminum cans are the most recyclable and most recycled beverage container in the world. 105,784 cans are recycled worldwide every minute! They are the best material to recycle for several reasons, one of them being that cans are recycled and returned to store shelves in as little as 60 days! The recycling process is called closed loop because old cans become part of new ones over and over again. This is the process:

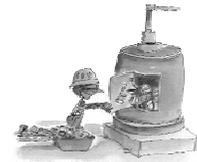
1. First, the cans are collected and sent to the recycling center.



2. At the recycling center, the cans are cleaned, crushed and bailed.



3. Next, the used cans go to the aluminum manufacturing plant. The cans are shredded at the plant, remelted into virgin aluminum and cast into new ingots.



6. Once filled, the canned soft drinks are sold to the consumers who drink the beverage and recycle their cans. This starts the whole process over again.



4. The ingots are rolled into long, thin sheets that are then coiled and sent to the can manufacturing plant.

5. The cans are made at the manufacturing plant from the recycled aluminum sheet. They are sent to the soft drink companies for filling and sealing.



### REAPS Annual Recycle Toy Drive

It's REAPS' 10th Annual Toy Drive and we're looking for your help! If you have any toys lying around that no one plays with anymore donate them to the toy drive instead of letting them collect dust or throwing them away. The toys collected will be donated to local organizations for their distribution to children during the holidays. Toys can be dropped off on 25 November 2006 from 2-4 p.m. at the Northern Interior Health Unit (across from hospital)

For more information or to volunteer call 561-7327.

### Check Your Closets

Check through all your old winter stuff from last year. If your toques, scarves, mittens or winter clothes are too small for you, donate them instead of throwing them away. Giving them to someone else or donating them to one of the charities or thrift stores around town will ensure that everyone is warm over the next few cold months.

If you don't know where to take your clothes, give us a call and we can give you a hand figuring it out.



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