

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

## What You Do Really Matters

Every year in Alaska millions of pounds of "stuff" are tossed and blown onto roads and waterways. This waste ends up in our environment including parks, recreation areas and the marine ecosystem. It harms fish and wildlife, and leaves a poor impression with visitors.

Help our community by following the 3 R's - **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!**

## Did You Know?

- Household hazardous materials, paints, and used oil are accepted at the landfill free of charge.
- You save enough energy to run a laptop computer for 5 hours by recycling one aluminum can or 15 plastic shopping bags.
- Used car batteries can be returned to almost any store that sells them. They are remanufactured into new batteries.
- Current laws require you to secure and cover your refuse while transporting to prevent debris from littering the roadways.
- Fish, sea birds, and other marine life eat plastic which damages their digestive systems and leads to malnutrition and starvation.
- The landfill accepts up to 5 gallons of residential used oil for FREE!
- Each Kodiak resident throws out 5 pounds of solid waste per day. Please do your part to minimize costly waste disposal: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Learn how: Threshold Recycling (486-6551) or Kodiak Island Borough [www.kodiakak.us](http://www.kodiakak.us).

## Contacts & Resources

### **Kodiak Island Borough Landfill**

486-9345  
1203 Monashka Bay Road  
Monday thru Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

### **Alaska Waste**

486-5308  
Visit website at [www.alaskawaste.com](http://www.alaskawaste.com)

### **Threshold Recycling Services**

486-6551  
Visit website at [www.thresholdkodiak.org](http://www.thresholdkodiak.org)

### **Nick's Auto Wrecking Salvage & Metal Recycling**

487-2755

### **Kodiak Island Borough Facilities and Engineering**

486-9343  
*A Residents' Guide To Managing Waste On Kodiak Island*  
Visit our website at [www.kodiakak.us](http://www.kodiakak.us)

### **Kodiak Island Borough Code Enforcement Officer**

486-9364

We can all do our part to protect human health and the environment. For more information:

[www.epa.gov/osw](http://www.epa.gov/osw)  
[www.marinedebris.noaa.gov](http://www.marinedebris.noaa.gov)  
[www.islandtrails.org](http://www.islandtrails.org)  
[www.reduce.org](http://www.reduce.org)

Kodiak Island  
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# Spruce Up Kodiak!

## Guide to Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle in Kodiak



### **For more information contact:**

Kodiak Island Borough  
Engineering & Facilities Dept.  
710 Mill Bay Rd.  
Kodiak, AK 99615  
907-486-9343  
[www.kodiakak.us](http://www.kodiakak.us)



## Reduce

**Reducing** solid waste saves you money. Landfilling has many long term expenses including closure, groundwater monitoring, and leachate treatment. The most effective way to extend the life of a landfill is to limit waste in the first place. Every product we buy has a life cycle – from the extraction of raw materials, to transportation, processing, packaging, shipment, final use, and waste is generated.

**Waste prevention** is a simple concept: if we create less waste, we consume fewer resources, and we don't have to spend as much money to dispose of our waste. Waste prevention means reusing things instead of buying new stuff. It also means "reducing". You can often save a significant amount of money through waste prevention. Recycling is great, but waste *reduction* is best. Waste prevention means not creating the waste in the first place!

**Source reduction** is another way to reduce waste going into the landfill. By reducing and reusing, we conserve resources, save energy, and reduce pollution.

### Some simple things you can do:

- ♻️ Use reusable shopping bags
- ♻️ Avoid excessive packaging
- ♻️ Reduce junk mail you receive  
[www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs4-junk.htm](http://www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs4-junk.htm)
- ♻️ Print double-sided
- ♻️ Print only when you need a hard copy

## Reuse

**Reuse** is another means of diverting solid waste from entering the landfill. It keeps materials out the waste stream by passing the goods on to others. Commonly repurposed materials include lumber, windows, plumbing supplies, doors, furniture, tables, electronics, paint, surplus food, and appliances. One person's junk is another's treasure; so make the effort to find that other person out there who will put that old stuff to use.

Composting is a natural method of turning organic materials into valuable soil. It's a great way to repurpose biodegradable foods and yard wastes.

Repair and refurbish materials rather than throwing them away.

### Some simple things you can do:

- ♻️ Donate to the local food banks
- ♻️ Compost biodegradable wastes
- ♻️ Donate to local thrift stores or find another user

What are we going to do with all of this trash?  
PLEASE...  
**Reduce,  
Reuse and  
Recycle!**



## Recycle

**Recycling** conserves resources – making a product out of recycled materials is much better than using virgin materials. Please recycle cans, plastic bottles and paper to recover those valuable resources, and properly dispose of non-recyclable materials. Recycling prevents resource destruction, prevents pollution, and saves energy and money.

### What to recycle:

- ♻️ Plastic: Bottles and jugs #1 and #2 with recycling symbol, shopping bags
- ♻️ Aluminum/Tin cans: Clean; labels are OK
- ♻️ Cardboard & chipboard: Corrugated, dry good (cereal, pasta boxes) and should be clean and flattened (no waxed boxes)
- ♻️ Paper: Newspaper and inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, and junk mail
- ♻️ Electronics

### Where to recycle:

Threshold Recycling  
380 Von Scheele Way  
486-6551

Nicks Auto Wrecking & Metal Recycling  
346 Sargent Creek Road  
487-2755

### Some simple things you can do:

- ♻️ Buy products with recycled content
- ♻️ Clean containers & discard bottle lids
- ♻️ Properly sort recyclables
- ♻️ Flatten cardboard boxes