

THE POSITIVES OF RECYCLING ALPENA COUNTY

- Recycling started in Alpena County in January 2011. First year there were 381 roll off bins of plastic, cardboard and paper and tin processed at the Alpena Recourse Recovery Facility and sent out to be recycled.
- That same year a County wide cleanup day was started. Residents who paid their Recycle fee were able to bring in on that day old tires, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers and AC units free of charge. All the people working were volunteers from the County.
- Also started in 2011 was a Hazardous material program whereby residents were able to dispose of Hazardous material. All herbicides and pesticides could be dropped off at the Recycling facility free of charge. This also proved to be a very popular program.
- In 2012 the number of roll offs increased to 540. That was a 29% increase from 2011. Having such great success in the 2011 County wide cleanup day, the Recycle Board decided that this very popular program was going to be an annual event.
- In 2013 the number of roll offs increased to 644. An increase of 16%. Again that year we had another successful cleanup day.
- In 2014 the number of roll offs increased to 774. An increase of 17%. Also that year we started a National wide program with Call2 Recycle and started to recycle alkaline and lithium batteries. We have recycled over a ton so far. Batteries that is illegal to put in household garbage. We also take all rechargeable batteries free of charge.
- In 2015 the number of roll offs increased to 845. An increase of 8.5%. Also that year we started all electronics take back recycling program. Items like old T.V.'s, computers towers, laptops, monitors, old stereos. Also a mattresses take back recycling program was started.
- In 2016 we entered the electronic age. We created a website at www.alpenarecycling.org; also we started a Facebook page. The website is very user friendly with the Genie. We also have email at alpenarrt@gmail.com.
- 2016 the number of roll offs increased to 881. An increase of just over 4%. In addition to all the items above we allowed residents on cleanup day to bring in two pieces of electronics and we also allowed farmers to bring in one tractor tire free of charge.
- In 2017 we are seeing an increase of 6% in roll offs so far.
- Since 2011 with the help of a DEQ tire grant, we have recycled 9,000 tires. This is an extremely popular program. Without this program, we all know were those tires would have ended up at.
- Since 2011 we have seen a 56.75% increase in recycling in Alpena County.
- Since 2011 we have recycled 7,618,582 lbs. to market.
- Since 2011 with help from Alpena County taxpayers recycling fees, Alpena Recourse Recovery Facility has had contractual labor agreements with 5 full time and 1 part time employee's .In 2016 we added one more employee.
- Since 2011 with the help from Alpena County taxpayers recycling fee, Alpena Resource Recovery Facility has helped the economy in Alpena County with wages of \$700,000.00.