

After Lunch Regional Breakout Yukon/Kuskokwim Region What to do next and how to backhaul

Comment: We can use a better bargeline system

A: Some bargelines have trouble getting to certain villages

Recycling cans-

- transportation, better to double bag- no cardboard. Except with Ryan Air, they may have a certain preference for this.
- Oxidation causes corrosion, mixed with acid.
- ALPAR currently pays .25 cents a can. They can provide posters, and help with printing costs and Advertisements.. *You can get some financial support for this from ALPAR- just send in a 1-pg. letter*
- Shish pays their members \$0.35 a can.
- Tununak- plane comes 2-3 times a week and only takes cans when space available. Just got their connex (downline community)

Batteries

-Always call before shipping batteries.

Transformers:

- store in a secure place. Pre-1980 are hazardous. Call Emerald Services [<http://www.emeraldnc.com/> or 1-877-375-5040 Toll Free]

Fl. Lights

-Can store in 5- gal bucket, or rubber blue drums label (go to <http://zendergroup.org/packing.html> for directions]. Containers must be labeled.

Household Batteries:

Expensive to recycle.

5-gal bucket with lid that seals.

Tape the terminals with clear tape according to DOT for Air carriers.

Big Batteries use electrical tape.

Lithium- to- 9 volts need to be taped for sure.

Leave batteries in old cell phones. Some cell phone companies take their phones back, and will pay for shipping

Make sure you follow up on the 2nd part of collection (post- community collection and after storage) to make sure they are indeed sent out.

[See also <http://zendergroup.org/battery.htm> for companies that accept and guidelines, including some free recycling –but must pay for shipping]

Plastic Bags

ALPAR has a “Tool Kit” for recycling bags for stores. On website. Long living program to get store behind these efforts.

Tununak has resolutions to ban plastic bags. Two stores use only paper bags. One store still using plastic. Working on styrofoam.

Newtok did cost analysis on styrofoam vs. paper. [Contact zender environmental health at 277-2111 to request a copy]

[See http://zendergroup.org/docs/plastics_styro.pdf for plastic bag enviro and health risks]

Don Wedll: AVCP/ submitted IGAP grant for backhaul, approved.

SHARON SLIM has now been hired for two-years to focus on backhauling and staging. Questionnaires sent out to all villages. Working with Northland and Everts. Concerned about batteries freezing and Freon removal. Wants to organize villages with barge traffic. The window is July—everything should be staged by this time. Last barge leave around September.

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Q: Is there a weight limit on connexes? Tununak has 2 connexes of propane tanks.

[Yes, there is a weight limit. 19,000lbs? depends on connex and company]