



Getting the Most for Your Recyclables



Listed below are companies that buy recyclables and their September 2012 prices. Prices fluctuate depending on the markets. When your community is ready to ship recyclables, contact the companies for their current prices and discuss your particular shipping and recycling logistics with them. Note that this document just lists information for metals, glass, plastic, and paper/cardboard.

September 2012 Buy Back Prices (\$/weight) (Note these prices fluctuate frequently)

Companies that buy back recyclables	Aluminum Cans (\$/lb) Comments	Glass Comments	Plastic (\$/lb) Comments	Steel Tin Cans (\$/ton) Comments	Corrugated Cardboard (\$/ton) Comments	Mixed Paper (\$/lb) Comments	Scrap Metal (\$/ton) Comments	Do they charge a pickup/haul fee from the Seattle dock?
RockTenn Recycling Location: Anchorage, AK Tel: 562-2267 (ALPAR 274-3266)	\$0.30 Cans can be shipped to Anchorage through designated airlines via the ALPAR program.		accepts without pay #1 & #2 plastic, must be clean and empty with the lids removed.	accept without pay	accepts loose without pay, call for baled price	call for baled price	accepts ferrous and non-ferrous, call for pricing for different grades	
Schnitzer Steel Location: Anchorage, AK Tel: (907) 349-4833 Contact: Beth or Chris	\$0.35 May pay a higher price to schools (call for more information)						accepts ferrous and non-ferrous, call for pricing for different grades, vehicles must have bill of sale	
West Seattle Recycling Location: Seattle, WA Tel: 206 935 4255 Contact: Jonathon Howe	\$0.34 Prices range from \$0.34-\$0.42 depending on quantity.		accepts without pay bottles, jugs, and tubs	accept without pay	accepts without pay, must be flattened	\$0.02-\$0.06 price based on quantity and quality	accepts ferrous and non-ferrous, see website for pricing http://www.westseattle recycling.com/prices/index.htm	No pickup fee.
Skagit River Steel Recycling Location: Burlington, WA Tel: (360) 757-6096 Contact: Lois	\$0.36 - \$0.40 prices increase for baled cans and larger quantities	accepts without pay	accepts fishing net and polypropylene nets at \$0.20/lb must be baled boxed or super sacked	\$50.00 must be baled	\$48.00 baled, \$23/ton unbaled	\$0.01 must be over 500 lbs	\$123 - \$200 accepts ferrous, non-ferrous, appliances, price increases with grade and quantity, call for quote	No pickup fee.
Seattle Iron & Metals Corp Location: Seattle, WA Tel: (206) 682-0040	\$0.40-\$0.50 price increases for baled cans and larger quantities			\$25.00 Tin cans need to be as clean as possible (free of food/residue)				No pickup fee if shipping on Northland, Boyer, Samson, or Lynden.
Pacific Iron & Metal Co. Location: Seattle, WA Tel: 1 (800) 664-4884 Contact: Pete	\$0.34 Cans can be baled or loose.							No pickup fee. They give special rates to AK so mention where you're from!
Total Reclaim Location: Anchorage, AK & Seattle, WA Tel: (907) 561-0544			accepts #1, #2 and plastic film without pay				accepts non-ferrous metals, call for price quote	
Metro Metals Location: Portland, OR Tel: 800-610-5680							accepts ferrous and non-ferrous	

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Merlin Plastics Location: Vancouver, Canada Tel: (604) 522 6799 Contact: Tony Mouchachen		\$0.05	\$0.05 \$300/bale, separating colors increases price					They will pickup for free at the VANCOUVER port only.
Seadrunar Recycling Location: Seattle, WA Tel: (206) 467 7550	\$0.23 Costs for cans vary on amount shipped: 1-99lbs \$0.23/lb; 100-199lbs \$0.25/lb; over 200lbs \$0.27/lb Cans can be loose or baled.		accept #1- #7 without pay		\$40.00	\$0.02 white \$60/ton color \$45/ton news \$40/ton		\$100
International Paper Location: Kent, WA Tel: (253) 372-1360 Contact: Doug Metz	100 lb minimum, call for price quote		accept #1-7 and fishing net, call for price quote	call for price quote	call for price quote	call for price quote	call for price quote	No pickup fee.
Calbag Metals Location: Tacoma, WA Tel: (800) 801-5732 Contact: JB Chapman	\$0.58 price increases with quantity			does not accept				No pickup fee.
K & K Recycling Location: Fairbanks, AK Tel: (907)488-1409 Contact: Phil Cole	\$0.35		accepts without pay	accepts #1- #7 without pay	accept without pay	accept without pay	accepts ferrous and non-ferrous, call for pricing	
C&R Pipe and Steel, Inc. Location: Fairbanks, AK Tel: (907)456-8386 Contact: Lindsay Cook	\$0.28 In order to be paid full price ALUMINUM CANS MUST BE FREE OF TRAMP MATERIALS!					call for price	accepts non-ferrous, copper, aluminum, brass, radiators, electric motors, and stainless steel	
Rock Tenn Location: Renton, WA Tel: (425)656-9130 Contact: Leslie	call for a price quote		call for a price quote	call for a price quote	call for a price quote	call for a price quote		

Notes: Recycling companies require that recyclable materials are relatively clean (free of garbage and other debris)

Mixed paper typically refers to non-separated newspaper, office paper (white or colored), envelopes, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, and uncorrugated cardboard. Carbon paper is not allowed. When shipping mixed paper for recycling, most companies require that it's free of garbage and other debris, and the moisture content is less than 10%.

A note on cardboard: There are 2 types of cardboard – uncorrugated and corrugated. *Uncorrugated* cardboard (also called chip- or paper-board) is generally flat and is typically used in cereal boxes, shoe boxes, frozen food packaging, tissue boxes etc., and can generally be recycled with mixed paper, but not with corrugated cardboard. *Corrugated* cardboard has a ruffled layer between the two flat pieces of cardboard and is often used in packing/moving boxes.

When recycling corrugated cardboard, most companies require that it's free of garbage and other debris, that it DOESN'T contain uncorrugated cardboard or wax-lined cardboard, and that the moisture content is less than 10%.

When recycling metals it often helps to send a photo of the scrap metal your are sending the company. It will help them find a buyer and may give you a better price for the materials you are shipping them.

When recycling plastics, containers need to be separated into PET (marked with a #1 on the bottom), and HDPE (marked with a #2 on the bottom). Examples of PET plastics are: two-liter bottles, pop bottles, etc. Examples of HDPE plastics are: milk jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent bottles, bleach bottles, lotion/shampoo bottles etc.