

Since AL's recycling program began in 2002 & through 2017 we have recycled:

23,085 pounds of office paper
1,349 pounds of hardback books & phone books
12,107 pounds of magazines



11,691 pounds of cardboard / paperboard

Recycling 1 ton of paper or cardboard saves an average of 7,000 gallons of water; 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space; 3 barrels of oil (1 barrel equals 42 gallons); 17 trees; and 4,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity (enough energy to power the average home for 6 months).

924 pounds of beverage and mixed metal cans

Aluminum can recycling saves 95% of the energy needed to make new aluminum. Truly recyclable, the aluminum can returns to the grocer's shelf in as little as 90 days after collection, re-melting, rolling, manufacturing and distribution. This means you could conceivably buy the same recycled can every 13 weeks or 4 times a year.



4,377 pounds of computers

5,552 pounds of computer monitors

12,127 pounds of computer peripherals & laboratory equipment



1,126 pounds of toner/ink jet cartridges

8,250 pounds of batteries — alkaline, rechargeable and car

108 pounds of cell phones

Toxic substances contained in electronic equipment and batteries pose threats to human and environmental health by being sent to landfills or incinerated. By recycling, we regain precious metals content, eliminate dangerous toxic metals from entering the waste stream, and decrease landfill use.



2,009 pounds of plastics #1 and #2

Plastic products make up about 11% of the nation's waste stream by weight, but make up about 24% by volume. Recycling extends disposal capacity, saves money in disposal costs, conserves natural resources, creates jobs, and provides a reliable, cost-effective feed stock to industry.



585 Pounds of fluorescent light tubes

Lamps contain mercury and in most cases are considered hazardous. The Environmental Protection Agency regulates the management of spent lamps. Most states do not allow hazardous lamps to be disposed in solid waste landfills.



834 Pounds of mixed glass (added to program Dec. 2011) – Clear, Green & Brown bottles and jars.



2,030 Pounds of white goods (appliances)



MRA Materials*: 86,154

Additionally - - 12,120 pounds of non-MRA materials have been recycled
This is equates to 98,274 pounds of material diverted from landfills!