

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING COLLECTIONS IN 2012

All collections are provided by the Benzie County 24/7 Residential Recycling Program

Holiday Packaging Recycling Collections (Styrofoam only) Tuesday, December 27th 2011 and Saturday, January 7th @ Beulah Government Center lower level parking lot (maintenance garage) from 9 – noon. No appointment necessary. Styrofoam must be clean and bagged, boxed or bundled. No packing peanuts or insulation accepted.

Christmas Tree Recycling throughout the month of January. Undecorated Christmas trees may be dropped off at Smitty's Tree Service location, 2741 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia (across from Timberline Shell). Follow the signs to drop area at this property. No charge. No appointment.

Styrofoam Packaging & Household Batteries Recycling Collections March 17th, June 16th, September 15th, & December 15th. These quarterly collections are all on a Saturday, all at the Beulah Government Center lower level parking lot (maintenance garage) from 9 am until noon. No appointment necessary. Styrofoam must be clean and bagged, boxed or bundled. No packing peanuts or insulation accepted. Batteries over 1.5 volts must have terminals taped.

Clean Out Your Files (paper shredding event) Free shredding of confidential documents to celebrate Earth Day on **Wednesday, April 18th** at the lower level of the Benzie Resource Center on M-115 from 10 am – 2 pm (Building located west of Crystal Lake Clinic on Frankfort Highway) No charge and no appointment necessary. Quantities limited to 3 boxes or bags.

Two Collections for Household Hazardous Waste including oil base paints, fluorescent bulbs, household batteries, expired medicines and medical waste, pesticides, etc., electronics, tires, & styrofoam are scheduled for Saturday, **June 9th** at 404 Parkview Lane, Incoe building parking lot in Frankfort and Saturday, **August 11th** at the Road Commission parking lot in Honor. Collection times are 9 am till noon. Appointments are required. No charge to Benzie County residents for any hazardous waste or electronic equipment. There is a charge for tires.

Township Clean Up Days The Recycling program will work with each municipality when they conduct township / village clean up days. Call your township for dates and details.

Recycling Reminders:

- **SINGLE STREAM** recycling will become effective on January 1, 2012. **That means you may combine tin and plastic with paper and cardboard in the same bin.** Glass must be recycled in the GLASS ONLY BIN.
- **ALL RECYCLABLES MUST BE LOOSE, NOT BAGGED** Please take the time to open all bags and let the recyclables fall loosely into the bin.
- **PLEASE** take corrugated cardboard to school cardboard recycling trailers where students earn money from cardboard collected at those locations. It's a great program!
- **PLEASE** take shredded paper to Benzie Organic Solutions (aka 'Worm Farm') 12275 Homestead Road (6th driveway on the south side of Homestead Rd. east of Pioneer Rd. intersection) Call 231-383-1980 for more information on the worm farm
- **NEVER** leave anything on the ground at a recycling site
- **PLEASE** call the Recycling Coordinator with any questions about the program 882-0554

Brochures are available at all township & village offices & at Frankfort City Hall. Call 882-0554 with questions or email benzierecycler@benzieco.net or go www.benzieco.net.

Click on Departments, then on Solid Waste & Recycling

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COMING TO BENZIE COUNTY IN 2012

There are seven 24/7 RECYCLING SITES throughout Benzie County that service
BENZIE COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS

Almira Township Park on Ole White Road

Benzonia Save-A-Lot Parking Lot

Lake Ann Elementary School on Bronson Lake Road (Inland Township)

Honor Road Commission on US 31

Frankfort Industrial Park (404 Parkview Lane)

Northern Disposal Transfer Station on Gallagher Road in Thompsonville

Beulah Village Municipal Parking Lot

Every household in Benzie County pays an annual fee for recycling and collections. The annual fee of \$22.00 per household is on the 2011 winter tax bill for 2012 services. Businesses are not charged this fee. All non-household use is by permit only. A permit must be obtained before a business uses the residential recycling program. Businesses may call 882-0554 for commercial costs & to obtain a permit for the calendar year 2012.

Accepted in the GREEN ROLL OFF bins: We will accept ALL NUMBERS OF PLASTIC effective January 1, 2012. Look on the bottom for the recycle number. CLEAN plastic containers, CLEAN metal food & beverage cans, aluminum foil, pie tins and containers, CLEAN paper, aseptic packing cartons and flat cardboard are acceptable to recycle in the SAME BIN. THIS IS CALLED **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**. Please break down all boxes FLAT. Plastic shopping bags may go in the bin also. All recyclables must be placed in the bin LOOSE, NOT BAGGED. Tear open your bag when you put recyclables in the window of the bin.

Accepted in the GLASS ONLY dumpster: Glass bottles and jars (clear & all colors). Window glass, ceramics, light bulbs or porcelain are not accepted. These must go in your trash, not in a recycling container.

CARDBOARD RECYCLING is provided by Packaging Corporation of America, of Manistee, at four locations: Frankfort High School, Benzie Central High School, Lake Ann Elementary School and Betsie Valley Elementary School. Support Benzie County students and Community Groups! Recycle your cardboard at these school trailers where students earn money for their recycling efforts. All trailers are open 24 / 7. Businesses may recycle at the school cardboard trailers at no charge. They are in place for residential and commercial use. They are for everyone to use!

This program has reduced the amount of Benzie County household waste sent to the landfill by 26% last year and can reduce your garbage bill if you recycle more and throw away less. The rules are simple and we all must follow them to have a successful program. Since the program is limited, we offer many collections throughout the year to help you dispose of and recycle other items not accepted at the 24/7 drop off locations.

