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A Hometown Story: Thermo-Kool of Alaska

Most of our recyclables are collected and shipped to the Lower 48 for sorting, processing, and remanufacturing into new products. But a few of them stay here and support our local economy. One of those materials is newspaper.

Whenever you drop off newspapers at the recycling center, either on Rosewood Street, at the Anchorage Regional Landfill, or at any of the Carrs newspaper drop-off bins, you are supporting Thermo-Kool of Alaska, a local business that uses all of our separated newspapers to make new products, most of which are also sold right here in Alaska. Look for Thermo-Kool home insulation products, hydromulch, and animal bedding in local stores or contact Thermo-Kool to learn where to find its products. Thermo-Kool of Alaska, 563-3644.
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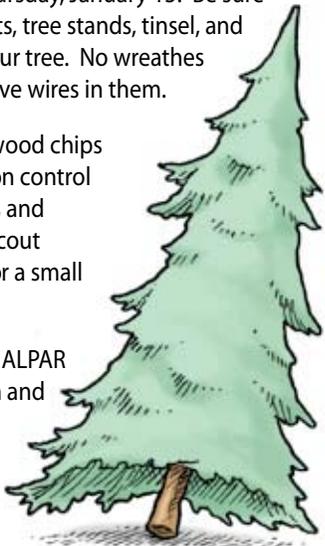
IMPORTANT EVENTS

Christmas Tree Recycling

Drop off your tree at the clearly marked areas of Carrs parking lots in Anchorage, Eagle River and Palmer between Sunday, December 28 and Thursday, January 15. Be sure to remove all lights, ornaments, tree stands, tinsel, and plastic bags before leaving your tree. No wreathes are accepted because they have wires in them.

The trees are processed into wood chips and used for trail cover, erosion control and mulch by local nonprofits and government agencies. Boy Scout Troop 268 will pick up trees for a small donation. Call 868-8899.

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Household Holiday Waste Prevention Tips

- Ship gifts using recyclable or reusable packing material – newspaper etc.
- If you get foam peanuts, take them to a shipping company for reuse. Local UPS stores, the Mail Cache, and the Packaging Store all accept foam packing peanuts for reuse.
- Get off junk mail and catalog lists. Why recycle all those catalogs when you can stop them altogether?
www.greenstarinc.org/unwantedmail.php
- Shop locally to avoid catalogs and packaging!
- Reuse gift bags and wrapping to wrap your gifts.

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