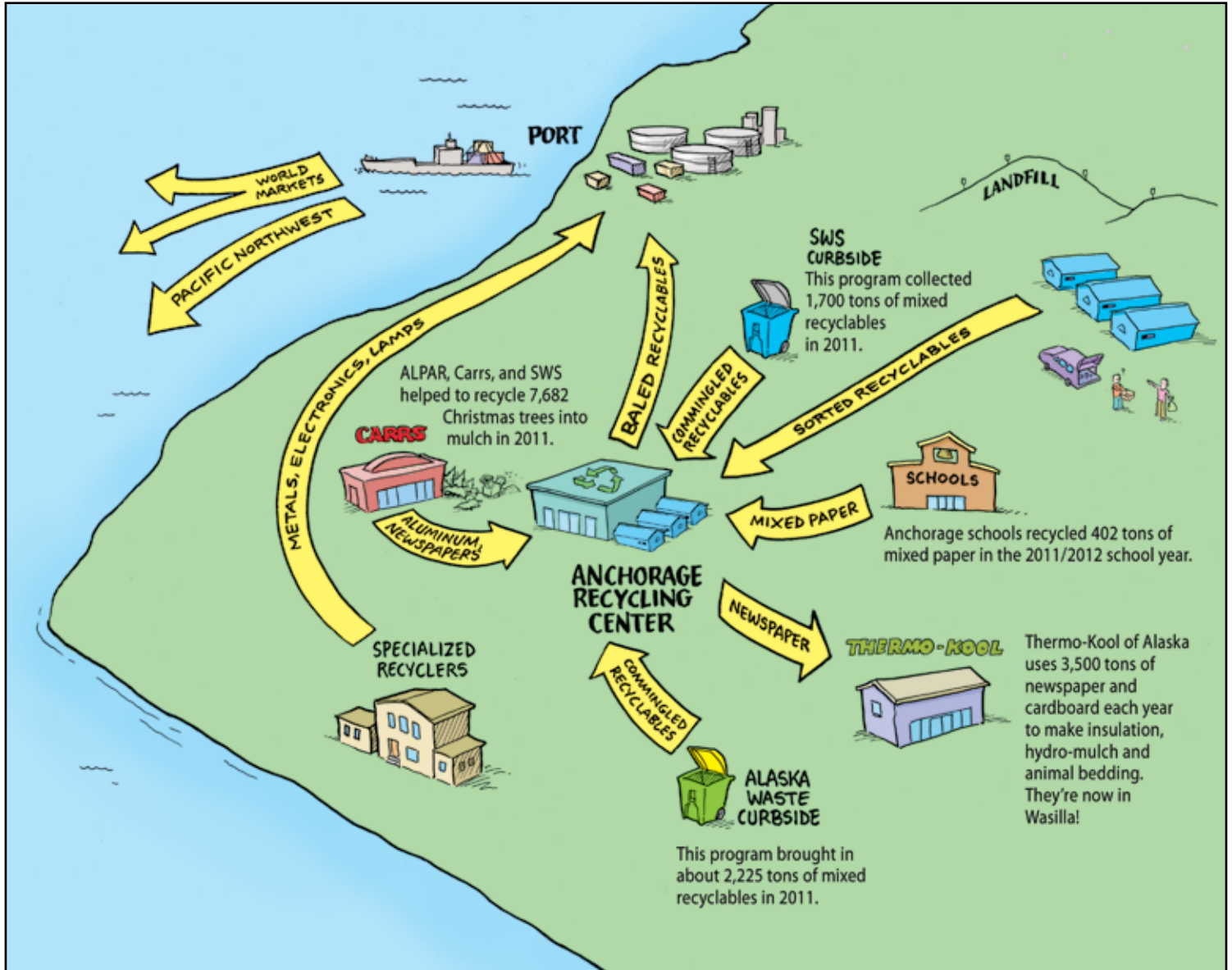


# Where Does It Go?



The amount of waste generated and how it is disposed have both been changing over the last few years. Trash quantities going into the landfill were down to 308,650 tons in 2011 and reported recycling quantities were at more than 78,000 tons. The majority of recycling in Anchorage is done by three companies. Schnitzer Steel recycles metals from automobiles, appliances, cable, wire, pipe and more. The company brokers metals worldwide and ships directly to the Lower 48 and Asia. In 2011, Schnitzer reported shipping more than 38,000 tons of metals for recycling.

The second big recycler is the Anchorage Recycling Center, owned by RockTenn. The recycling center collects containers (plastic, steel, aluminum) and fibers (cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper) from homes, schools, and businesses through its drop-off center and deliveries by local haulers from curbside programs, business accounts, and other drop-off locations around town. In 2011, the recycling center shipped about 23,000 tons of recyclables.

Central Recycling Services processes construction and demolition (C&D) debris locally into new construction materials, creating local jobs. Old road material is made into recycled asphalt pavement, concrete is turned into recycled concrete aggregate, and other materials, including lumber and tires, are recycled as well. In 2011, Central Recycling Services recycled more than 17,000 tons of C&D debris.

Check out pages 6 and 7 for a list of more recyclers!