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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority's (VIWMA) welcomes all public, private and parochial elementary schools territory-wide to compete in the Don't Trash Your Cans, Cash Your Cans! Aluminum Can Collection Contest. The contest helps participants to raise funds while educating children about the importance of recycling and keeping our environment clean.

This year, the program offers an extended collection period commencing November 2013 thru May 2014. Schools interested in participating can register at anytime during the on-going collection cycle although the initial registration deadline is through the month of November. .

The school that collects the most cans per district wins! In addition, the winning school will receive a champion banner. The banner is temporarily placed on the winning school's campus to promote them as the champion and as a "green" school. There will be monetary prizes awarded for each district at the end of the collection cycle for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Each registered school will receive a certificate for participation. The contest gives all revenues raised through collection directly back to each competing school.

WHY RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS: THE MANY BENEFITS

Aluminum can recycling provides many environmental, economic and community benefits to individuals, communities, organizations, companies and industries.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- Recycling aluminum cans saves precious natural resources, energy, time and money, not to mention landfill space
- A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days
- Making new aluminum cans from used cans takes 95 percent less energy

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- Other types of aluminum, such as siding, guttering, car components, storm window frames, and lawn furniture can also be recycled, which can earn you money

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Aluminum can recycling enables charitable organizations and groups to earn funds. The money earned can be used to enhance programs and communities. It encourages communities to get involved in recycling

CAN COLLECTION SCHEDULING

Contact the VIWMA team to request pick-up of your school's aluminum cans. Your school will be added to a monthly pick-up schedule. Recommended pick-up days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays however, scheduling is subject to change.

CAN COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Schools are advised to keep collected aluminum cans bagged and stored in a dry accessible location on or near the school campus. Contaminated (muddy or infested) collections will have to be discarded and will not count in the schools final tally.

Collection staff will provide Collection Record Forms to keep track of collection(s). The forms are triplicate where the yellow sheet goes to the school, pink sheet to the recycler and the white sheet is kept for VIWMA records. This data is added to a database upon receipt. During collection from various schools, bags are identified (marked with permanent marker or stickers) to avoid miscounts.

Schools are encouraged to assign a motivated staff member or volunteer to monitor can collection activities and to carry-out the program more effectively on the school campus(s). Coordinators also serve as contact persons for collection and networking purposes.

CAN COLLECTION GUIDELINES, CONTINUED

For Fun & Safe Aluminum Can Collection

1. Collect Aluminum Beverage Cans (ABCs) only. Do not include steel cans, such as, soup cans or foil trays, etc.
2. Be sure to collect only empty aluminum cans
3. If possible, rinse cans before placing them in containers to prevent bees and other pest from tampering with collection
4. All aluminum beverage cans will be accepted and can be crushed
5. Do not place dirt, gravel or any other material into cans
6. Place aluminum cans in trash bags and keep bags closed to prevent scavengers, bees and bugs, which may pose a threat to human health and well being
7. Keep cans in a safe, dry location accessible for the collection agent to pick-up on schedule

A FEW HELPFUL TIPS

Tips for successful aluminum can collection on your school campus

- Make it convenient for teachers, students and parents to participate
- Provide incentives for students to peek their interest in collecting aluminum cans
- Send reminders home to parents and guardians
- Place recycling and garbage containers together at well-travelled locations—food areas, restrooms, entrances and exists

REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!

- Registering your school in the Can Collection Contest is a great way to have your school do their part to reduce the amount of recyclable material going to the landfill, collect valuable containers that would otherwise be thrown away, demonstrate and promote your commitment to a clean and healthy environment.
- To apply or for more information on St. Croix contact Charmin L. Springer at 340-712-4961/4962 or e-mail: cspringer@viwma.org for St. Thomas/St. John contact Mrs. Kysha Wallace at 340-715-9145/9100 or e-mail: kwallace@viwma.org. Thank you for your participation!