



What supporters are saying:

“Now is the time for Alaskans to take care of our hazardous waste disposal problem. Backhaul Alaska is the solution.”

“We struggle to regularly coordinate and pay for hazardous waste backhaul. **Backhaul Alaska will help our community** get rid of these wastes.”

“Our company has been providing reduced rates to villages for backhaul services for years. It will be great to **have a single point of contact** to work with.”

Backhaul Alaska is possible thanks to:

- Solid Waste Alaska Taskforce
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- AK Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Office of the Honorable Senator Lisa Murkowski
- US Dept of Transportation PHMSA
- Responsible Battery Coalition
- Metro Metals NW
- Matson Caring for Alaska
- Denali Commission
- Curriculum Advisory Board
- Adopt-a-Barge Planning Committee
- Alaska Tribes and Consortia
- Transporters and Recyclers
- Total Reclaim
- Rural Stakeholders Everywhere
- Individuals, organizations and countless volunteers

BACKHAUL ALASKA

**A Self-Sustaining
Waste Removal Program
for Rural Alaska**

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Why Backhaul?

There is no safe disposal place in Alaska for hazardous waste.



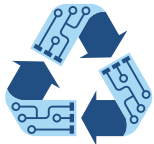
LAND STEWARDSHIP

Mercury and lead in unlined landfills can flow to nearby water bodies.



HEALTH & SAFETY

Infants born near high hazard landfills can be over 4x more likely to have certain birth defects.



Backhauling electronics, light bulbs, and lead-acid batteries keeps the most hazardous materials out of landfills.



EMPLOYMENT

35% of rural Alaska residents are unemployed.

Backhaul typically employs between one and three people part time year-round, and up to three additional temporary workers during a backhaul event.

What is Backhaul Alaska?

A program that will coordinate the hauling of hazardous materials out of rural Alaska communities through:

CONTROL TOWER coordinates transportation logistics between haulers and villages and be the single point of contact for backhaul in Alaska.

NETWORK OF COORDINATORS communicates between villages, regions, and statewide to ensure the program runs smoothly.

UNIFORM TRAINING PROGRAM ensures that hazardous wastes are packaged in a safe, uniform way that reduces liability and risks to transporters and end destinations.

COMMODITY BROKERING ensures that the program obtains the highest revenue for recycled materials to offset backhaul costs.

BULK SUPPLY PURCHASING provides villages with supplies needed for backhaul storage and transportation at reduced prices.

How does Backhaul Alaska work?

Our program will backhaul waste cheaper and more efficiently because:

Each region has a single point of contact for their communities.

Each community is trained in streamlined and uniform protocols.

Every rural waste generator contributes to the program.

Innovative efforts to reduce local waste are encouraged.

A “control tower” optimizes material transport and price brokering.

Transporters and recyclers spend less time and incur less liability risk.

In time, Backhaul Alaska will operate as a full management service for any entity generating waste in rural Alaska.

When is implementation complete?

