

Aluminum Can Drive

Many of the aluminum cans you find in the grocery store are made of recycled materials. Fifty-five percent of all the aluminum cans produced in 1988 were recycled by consumers. With some of your classmates, organize a school-wide drive to collect and recycle aluminum cans.

1. Plan the drive. When and where will it be held? What adults and kids will help? Who will provide containers to hold the cans you collect? Who will take these cans to a recycling center? How will the money you receive be spent?
2. With the help of a teacher or principal, schedule drive dates and designate a place on the school grounds or in your school parking lot as the official collection site.
3. Contact a recycling center that handles aluminum to learn about its hours of operation. Tell center personnel about the aluminum can drive you are planning and ask them for tips about how best to prepare aluminum for recycling. The center may have large collection containers you can borrow and/or fliers you can distribute.
4. Make posters to encourage students to save their aluminum cans and bring them to school for recycling.
5. Design a flier students can take home to let family members and neighbors know about the drive.
6. Hold the drive and collect the cans. Remind volunteer workers to keep the collection site neat and to thank *everyone* who contributes.
7. Take the cans to the recycling center.
8. Use any money you receive in whatever way you decided before the drive. If you are short on ideas, consider donating it to an organization that is working to clean up the environment or giving it to your school with the understanding that it will be used to buy plants for the school yard, books for the library, equipment for the playground, or something else many students will enjoy.



Cans Can

*Collect old cans; don't throw them out.
That's what recycling's all about.
Cans just clutter up our land,
So recycle them and take a stand.
Find them, scrunch them, give a mash,
Then turn them in, and you'll get cash.
And even if you don't get wealthy,
Recycling keeps our earth more healthy.*

