

About Cans for Habitat

Cans for Habitat is sponsored by The Aluminum Association's Cans for Causes program and promotes the value of aluminum can recycling. Through **Cans for Habitat**, aluminum cans are recycled to raise money for Habitat for Humanity to build decent, affordable housing with low-income families nationwide.

Cans for Habitat raises money, increases awareness of Habitat within the community, builds lists of donors and gives children a way to become involved with Habitat, all while helping the environment. As an individual, just choose aluminum cans at your local grocery store or beverage vendor. Then collect recycled cans from your community and bring the cans to selected local recycling centers and tell them that the money should go to Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus. The money earned can then be used to build homes for families in need!



Why Aluminum Cans?

- ❖ The value of aluminum is at an all time high.
- ❖ Each pound of aluminum cans is worth approximately 64 cents in Columbus.
- ❖ Recycling aluminum is one of the easiest things you can do to help the environment.
- ❖ Recycling 40 aluminum beverage cans has the energy saving equivalent of one gallon of gasoline. Last year, Americans recycled enough aluminum cans to conserve the energy equivalent of more than 15 million barrels of oil.
- ❖ Aluminum is the most recyclable of all materials. One hundred percent of a can ends up as another can in as little as 60 days.

Top 10 Reasons To Recycle Aluminum

1. Because you "can."
2. Recycling saves energy, creates income and helps our economy.
3. Recycling aluminum uses 95% less energy than making new aluminum. The energy saved can power a TV for three hours!
4. Recycling 156,250 pounds of aluminum cans will fund an entire Habitat for Humanity house in Columbus!
5. Aluminum is the most recycled beverage container.
6. Once an aluminum can is recycled, it can be part of a new can within 60 days.
7. There is no limit to the amount of times aluminum can be recycled.
8. We use over 80 billion aluminum soda cans every year.
9. The recycling industry employs tens of thousands of people.
10. Money from aluminum can recycling goes towards building more Habitat for Humanity homes!



5 Easy Steps to get involved with Cans for Habitat!

- 1) Gather aluminum cans (you can do this personally, or by contacting business, schools, etc. and asking to pick-up their cans for them in support of Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus).
- 2) Set up a pick-up and drop-off schedule to transport the cans from the location where the cans are collected to one of the recycling centers that has partnered with Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus Assign a specific person to this task, who will be available to pick-up and drop-off every week (or as often as needed).
- 3) When a significant amount of cans has accumulated, the person assigned to the pick-up/drop-off task should take all aluminum cans to one of the selected recycling centers.
- 4) Tell the Recycling Center that you are dropping off cans for **Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus**, and they will put the receipt for your cans in Habitat's account.
- 5) Keep your ears open for new contacts that will put their aluminum cans towards benefiting Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus!

Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus has posters and recycling bins available if needed to promote the program in your school or office. **Contact Shellie Bensman at 614-364-7030 or sbensman@habitat-columbus.org** for more information.

Drop-Off Locations

The Recycling Exchange – North

2830 Westerville Road
Columbus, OH 43224
Phone: (614)-471-5956

Hours: Monday through Friday 8am-5pm and Saturday 8am-1pm

SIMS Recycling

697 North James Road
Columbus, OH 43219
Phone: (614)-237-2330

Hours: Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm

**Be sure to tell them that the cans are for
Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus!**

Please call/email Shellie Bensman at 614-364-7030 or sbensman@habitat-columbus.org every time you drop off with the amount of money collected and pounds recycled.