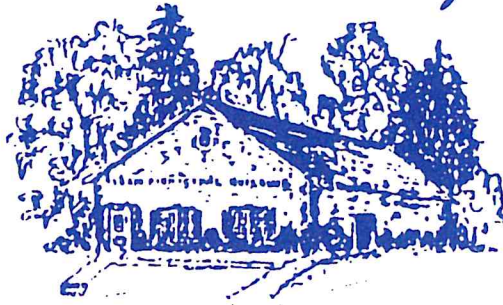


# Aldan Borough

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## ATTENTION ALDAN RESIDENTS:

**Due to skyrocketing recycling charges, curbside recycling pickup in Aldan will be temporarily suspended starting in January 2021.**

### **Why are recycling charges going up?**

Previously, plastics, aluminum, paper, and glass could be collected by waste companies for a profit. Starting in 2018, the global demand for recyclable material took a dramatic downturn. As a result, waste companies could no longer sell the materials for a profit. With the expiration of Aldan's recycling contract, signing a new contract will be substantially more expensive.

### **How much are the charges increasing?**

The charges for curbside recycling in 2020 were approximately \$45,000 or \$25 per household in Aldan. The proposed charges for 2021 would be approximately \$125,000 or \$70 per household. This increase is nearly triple the cost.

### **Isn't Aldan required to participate in curbside recycling pickup?**

Pennsylvania requires municipalities with more than 5,000 residents to provide curbside recycling pickup. Smaller boroughs such as Aldan are not required to provide recycling pickup.

### **What should I do with my blue recycle bin?**

Aldan residents should keep their recycle bin in case the borough is able to reintroduce curbside recycling pickup in the future. The bins may also be used for regular trash pickup on Mondays and Thursdays.

### **How can I dispose of my recyclables without curbside pickup?**

For those who choose to recycle, **Aldan Borough Council has arranged for containers to be placed at the Aldan Swim Club parking lot near the W Maryland Avenue entrance. There will be igloos for glass (clear, green or brown), tin cans, plastic bottles #1 and #2 and a dumpster for paper and cardboard. Additionally, Aldan Boy Scout Troop 2 will collect aluminum cans on the first Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 AM starting on February 6, 2021 in the municipal lot at Providence Road and Clifton Avenue.** Otherwise, recyclable materials will be collected with the trash and taken to a waste-to-energy plant, which has pollution controls on emissions, where it is burned and converted into electricity.

### **What are Aldan's plans for recycling in the future?**

The Aldan Borough Council understands our shared responsibility to our planet and that suspending recycling pickup will be an inconvenience to our residents. Please go to <https://bit.ly/aldanrecycle> to take a survey about Aldan's next steps for recycling. You can also mail your feedback to the Aldan Municipal Building, 1 W. Providence Road, Aldan, PA 19018.

Aldan residents' response to the Borough's voluntary curbside program has been fantastic. We want your input on how your tax dollars are spent!

**THE FINAL RECYCLING PICKUP IN ALDAN WILL BE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020.**