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# Recycling of aluminum and paper on rise

Collecting and selling recyclables can be a profitable venture for anyone



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With the growing shortage of non-renewable natural resources, recycling waste products such as aluminum cans and newspapers can become a profitable business.

Within the Bryan-College Station community, there are businesses and organizations that collect, buy and sell waste products.

Bob Lefevre, manager of the Texas A&M University Printing Center said the problem with recycling waste paper is that there is not much return on investment. Most recycling companies are only willing to pay between \$35-\$50 per ton of paper.

Lefevre said there are some disadvantages to collecting waste paper. First is the possibility of a fire hazard and second, whoever picks up the paper is often unreliable, he said. Lastly, he said there is a problem that the collected paper often takes up too much space.

He said he has been trying to find a company that will pick up the waste paper but that he hasn't found one yet.

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company comes through the area every three months to buy the silver deposits.

Another waste product the center recycles is spent ink. He said at the beginning of this year, the printing center began giving the ink to the Veterinary Medical school where it is used to mark cattle. He said giving away the ink eliminated their disposing problem and put it to good use as well.

Michael Ford at the Bryan Eagle said they sell their scrap paper to an independent agent in Houston who sells it to a cellulose manufacturer.

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Ford said the amount the Eagle collects for their paper depends on how much paper they have to sell but that they usually get about \$40 per ton.

Ford also said recycling paper can be profitable if an organized method of doing it is used.

He said the Eagle is making a small profit from selling their paper. They receive an average \$200 each month for selling scrap paper.

Ford said the Eagle is also considering a method to profit from the roll end paper left after printing. He said cutting and packaging the paper could be done "in house" and would help cut the costs of newsprint used by artists and engineers.

Art and engineering supply stores, he said, order newsprint from outside companies and this adds to the price of the paper. If it could be packaged by a local business, then it

would save consumers money, Ford said.

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TCM is a charitable organization that runs a rehabilitation program for men who have been unemployed for several years.

Lloyd Sanderson, TCM interim director, said they employ men to collect cardboard boxes from area furniture and grocery stores and then take it to their paper bailing plant on State Highway 21. He said the basic idea behind the operation is to provide men with full-time employment so they can get back into the habit of working. Sanderson said most of the men who come to TCM have been unemployed for awhile. TCM employees receive room and board for their work, Sanderson added. Some stay for a week and others have stayed for as long as three years, he said.

Sanderson said they once collected scrap paper from the Texas A&M Printing Center and the Eagle, but they stopped because they weren't making a profit.

Sanderson said cardboard brings a better price than newsprint because the fiber content is more suitable for making roofing materials. The cardboard, once bailed, is sent to a Oklahoma company which processes it into roofing materials, he said.

Sanderson said the company pays \$50 per ton for cardboard and only \$30 for each ton of scrap paper. The director said it was not profitable to collect and sell newsprint since the cost of renting a boxcar to transport the material to Oklahoma used up all possible profits.

A more profitable recycling product is aluminum cans. There are several organizations which do just that in the area, including Coors Distributing Co., Pearl Distributing Co. and Bryan Iron & Metal.

Sharon Arbuckle of Coors said there is an overall increase in the number of persons collecting aluminum cans but that number changes with the weather and the season. For instance, she said that during the current holiday season, more people

are saving cans to buy presents.

She said she hasn't noticed any particular trend in the type of people who collect cans, adding that "a whole spectrum of people collect them."

The Coors center pays 25 cents per pound, she said.

Arbuckle said some individuals make arrangements with local night

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clubs to pick up cans, but other than that there seems to be no special group collecting them.

Arbuckle said there is approximately a 1 percent yearly increase in the number of cans collected.

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## Marijuana airplane lands on access road

United Press International  
CORPUS CHRISTI—A pilot was forced to land his marijuana-laden twin-engine airplane on a highway access road Monday and escaped in a passing car.

Authorities discovered 434 pounds of marijuana in the Piper Aztec-F, which apparently ran out of gas on its final approach to Corpus Christi International Airport.

After touching down on the access road to Interstate 37, the plane slammed into a fence, tearing off part of the left wing, and came to rest crossways in the road.

Minutes later the pilot, apparently injured, was picked up by a car. Police found a pair of sophisticated walkie talkies in the plane that the pilot may have used to arrange the practically invisible pickup.

An Israeli-made submachine gun was also discovered in the plane.

suggested such an organization could place receptacles throughout University buildings to collect Battsions. He pointed out these containers should have a lid of some sort; otherwise the papers could create a litter problem.

Lefevre said the printing center sells the metal plates used in printing. The plates, he said, are a composite of various metals but are primarily made of aluminum. He said they sell an average of 642 pounds approximately every three months for 30 cents a pound.

He said they also sell the scrap photographic film and photographic paper. He said an Austin recycling

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