

BACKHAUL ALASKA

A self-sustaining waste removal program for rural Alaska



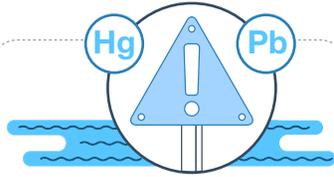
Why Backhaul?

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



Infants born near high hazard landfills can be over

4x more likely to have certain birth defects.



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

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.

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



ELECTRONICS LIGHT BULBS BATTERIES

35% of rural Alaska residents are unemployed.



Backhaul typically employs



1-3 people

part time year-round, and up to

3 more

temporary workers during the backhaul event.



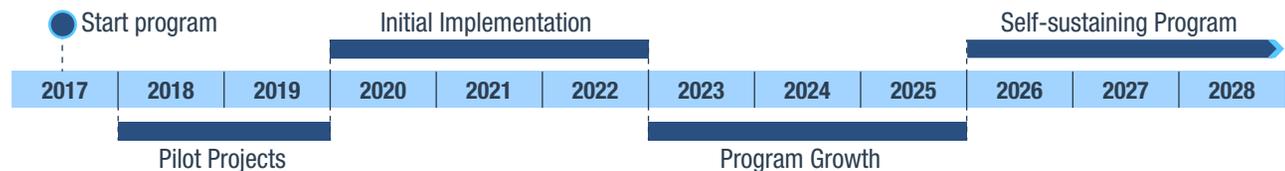
How does the program work?

Backhaul Alaska 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?



What Supporters are Saying



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



“Our community can’t afford to pay for backhaul events and hazardous waste ends up getting burned in our landfill. We need a statewide program.”



“Our company has been providing reduced rates to villages for backhaul services for years. It will be great to finally get a tax write off.”

Backhaul Alaska is possible thanks to:

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