

Recycling in Pedasí



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Aluminium

Examples: aluminum beverage cans, food cans like packaging for tuna, soup, olives etc.

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While there is no defined collection, pickup or drop off point in the town of Pedasí, trucks occasionally drive by collecting aluminum cans and large scraps. If possible, save your aluminum until you hear a collection announcement (similar to the announcements made by fruit vendors, the truck will have a speaker announcing the collection) or take cans to the recycling centers listed below.

Reducing waste through compost

Composting is an excellent way to reduce the amount of trash a household adds to the waste stream, while simultaneously producing a fantastic fertilizer for your garden! Vermicompost is an excellent option for those with limited outdoor space. There are links available on the AEP website for more information on how to get started. To have a look into Vermicompost in Pedasí, and get starter worms, contact Dr. Elicer Vera.

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REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

A guide on waste management
in the Azuero peninsula



How to reduce, reuse & recycle

Here are some strategies to help reduce the amount of trash that is created and burnt, thereby mitigating the threat which the burning of waste poses to human health.

To reduce, means to decrease the amount of waste by buying or using less. To reduce consumption:

Avoid buying products that are difficult to recycle. Styrofoam products for example are made of 90% air. Due to their low density, there are rarely recycled.

Avoid using plastic bags when you go to the store by using a cloth bag or simply carrying goods in your hands if you only have a few items.

Buy items in bulk when possible to avoid unnecessary packaging. Individually packaged snacks are convenient but create a lot of trash. Instead buy a larger quantity and store food in reusable containers.



Waste on the Peninsula, even in landfills, is frequently burnt in open air. Burning waste releases toxins into the air which can cause cancer, respiratory conditions, nausea, headache, skin irritations, and permanent damage to the nervous and reproductive systems.

(US EPA).

To reuse means to use an item for many purposes, rather than throwing it away after one use:

Reuse old plastic bags when possible by taking them back to the store with you.

Take old plastic bottles, cups and containers and use them again or re-purpose them. For example, vegetables or tree seedlings can be planted in small re-purposed plastic containers.



To recycle means to convert waste into another item that can be of use.

Aluminum cans can be melted down and made into new cans. Aluminum can be reused without any change in its quality.

Plastic bottles can be melted down and used to make other plastic products. However, each time plastic is recycled, harmful toxins are released and the quality is downgraded until it is no longer recyclable.

Buy soda and beer bottle (ask your local store what brands they accept) that can be returned for a deposit under the bottle return system used in Panama.



Recycling centers in Azuero & Panama

Reciclado Los Canto

Vía El Agallito, Chitré

☎ 6530-9092

Reciclado Pamersa

Vía Tocumen close to Río Jan Díaz Bridge, Chitré

☎ 220-4481

Recimetal La Villa de Los Santos

☎ 6557-8537

Centro de Acopio y Manejo de Desechos sólidos FCDS/FAS Panamá

Calle Rodolfo Benítez, Edificio 216, Ciudad del Saber, Panamá

☎ 306-3700 / Mariela Fruto 6550-7432

Supermercado Riba Smith

Plaza Cubitá, Chitré

☎ 978-0125

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Note: Recycling centers accept different recyclables based on what they will be able to sell to other companies. Call before to make sure they are currently accepting your items.