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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

From: Richmond Sanitary District
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PSA: Recycling Aluminum Cans

Many of us enjoy beverages that come in aluminum cans. Do you realize that it can take over 400 years for aluminum cans to decompose naturally? Did you know that when you recycle aluminum cans they can be processed back into more aluminum cans and back on the retailers' shelves in a month or so?

Aluminum is a great material that is used for many things; however the process to extract the aluminum from the bauxite ore is hard on the pocketbook and the environment, both through mining and then processing. By recycling aluminum, 90-95% less energy and equipment is needed and fewer pollutants enter the environment! The properties of aluminum allow it to be recycled over and over without breaking or wearing down. This allows there to be a constant source of material for many the industries that use it for not only beverage containers, but other types of manufacturing including vehicle parts! Please do your part as a responsible citizen and help keep this valuable material out of our landfill. Let's put it back into the manufacturing stream by recycling at the curbside, at a local recycling facility, or through an organization that recycles them for a good cause.

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If you are in Richmond and need a container for your recyclable materials call the Richmond Sanitary District at 765-983-7450 and request a blue Richie Roller for your curbside pickup.

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