

## **New Partnership Aims to Reduce Waste: Alaska Plastic Recovery and Local Businesses Join Forces**

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### **Local Partnerships Drive Success for Alaska Plastic Recovery's Mission to Recycle and Reuse**

Alaska Plastic Recovery is proud to highlight the vital role local businesses and community partnerships play in supporting its mission to reduce, reuse, and recycle plastic waste across the state. Last summer, Insulfoam, a local manufacturer of expanded polystyrene insulation operating in Alaska since the 1970s, reached out to Alaska Plastic Recovery with an offer that turned into a powerful partnership. Their question was simple: could the empty supersacks they were sending to the landfill be repurposed? The answer was a resounding yes.

These large, durable sacks are now used to collect and store the plastic Alaska Plastic Recovery receives. To date, Insulfoam has helped divert more than 500 supersacks from the landfill — and each one has been put to use. Insulfoam's commitment to sustainability goes beyond this collaboration. Their polystyrene insulation is 100% recyclable, and the company actively recovers and reprocesses insulation removed during re-roofing projects. As an ISO14001-certified business, Insulfoam maintains a strong focus on environmental responsibility and continual improvement.

Strong community partnerships like this one are key to advancing the recycling movement in Alaska. By working together, local manufacturers, businesses, and environmental organizations can create practical, scalable solutions to keep valuable materials out of landfills. These partnerships not only reduce environmental impact but also help build a circular economy in the state — one where waste becomes a resource and sustainability becomes a shared value. At the heart of Alaska Plastic Recovery's efforts is Grizzly Wood — a high-performance, outdoor-grade building material made entirely from recycled plastics, including types #1, #2, and #3. Grizzly Wood contains no additives or chemicals and meets ASTM standards, making it a safe, durable, and environmentally responsible alternative to traditional lumber.

"These partnerships are a perfect example of how local collaboration can turn waste into a resource," said Patrick Simpson, Founder at Alaska Plastic Recovery. "With support from companies like Insulfoam, we're giving plastic waste a second life and creating products that support a cleaner, greener Alaska."

Alaska Plastic Recovery remains committed to building a more sustainable future through innovation, local collaboration, and a shared dedication to protecting Alaska's environment.

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