Local recycling companies crush and shred the aluminum cans

Empty HI 54 cans are redeemed at a reverse vending machine or redemption center.

New cans made with recycled aluminum are filled at local beverage plants and are back on the store shelves in just eight weeks!

LIFE CYCLE OF AN ALUMINUM CAN IN HAWAIʻI

Metal manufacturing companies melt down the aluminum.

Local can manufacturer in Hawaiʻi makes new aluminum beverage cans out of aluminum sheets.

The aluminum sheets are shipped back to Hawaiʻi.*

The melted aluminum is combined with some amount of new material and processed into aluminum sheets.

* Some materials may stay in the mainland to be processed.

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