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St. John exports 40,000 crushed aluminum cans

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The M/V Norma H II's Chief Officer Alford Robertson unloads a pallet of crushed cans Saturday for delivery to Puerto Rico, where they will be recycled.

ST. JOHN — More than 40,000 aluminum cans left St. John on Saturday for Puerto Rico, where they will be recycled. The cans were collected and crushed at the Island Green Living Association's ReSource Depot in Susannaberg. Trucking was donated by Michael Marsh and barge space was donated by the M/V Norma H II, which brought the bales from St. John to Puerto Rico.

"We feel like we're part of the community here, especially given the hurricane cleanup, and we felt like this was the least we could do to help," said Norma H owner Christina Stevenson.

The removal of the 15,000 pounds of cans represented another step toward the association's zero waste initiative. The nonprofit said in a statement that this would be the first of many loads of aluminum cans sent off-island, freeing up valuable space in the territory's landfills. More than 40 volunteers and 350 volunteer hours went toward this effort.

"On behalf of Island Green's board, I want to express our gratitude to Operations Manager Anthony Novelli and Executive Director Kelly Lawson, as well as all of our dedicated volunteers and business sponsors," said association President Harith Wickrema. "We truly could not have accomplished this milestone without you."