ASTRX Five Elements of the Recycling System

1. END MARKETS
2. REPROCESSING
3. CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT
4. SORTATION
5. COLLECTION
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**Manufacturers**
Manufacturers turn processed recyclable materials back into a product for sale.

**Reprocessing**
Reprocessors take bales of recovered recyclables and process them to a form that can be used as manufacturing feedstock, such as aluminum sheet, plastic flake or paper pulp or sheet.

**Sortation**
Once at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), recyclables must pass through an array of machinery designed to separate materials into individual bales for sale to reprocessors.

**Collection**
Recyclables are transported from the curb or drop-off facility to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) or transfer station by local government or private haulers.

**Consumer Engagement**
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