



Plastic Container Recycling



There are several locations throughout Minnesota where plastic bottles and jugs are recycled into new pop bottles, milk containers, landscaping materials, polar fleece, carpet, and plastic lumber.

Where Plastic Goes for Recycling:

- **Bedford Technology**, (Located in Worthington): Bedford Technology uses 10 million pounds of recycled # 2 plastics annually to make 30 different plastic lumber products. www.bedfordtech.com
- **Ladtech, Inc.** (Located in Lino Lakes) Since 1994, Ladtech uses 2 million pounds of recycled #2 plastic pellets annually to make sewer adjustment rings used in manholes that still have shown no signs of breaking. 52 milk jugs, shampoo and detergent bottles are required to manufacture one 2" adjustment ring. www.ladtech.com
- **Master Mark** (Locations in Albany and Paynesville): Each year, Master Mark uses over 1 billion recycled plastic containers and sawdust to make lawn, garden, and building supplies. www.mastermark.com

How Plastic Recycling Helps Minnesota's Economy:

- In 2009, Minnesotans recycled over 57,000 tons of plastic; manufacturers around the state need our recyclable plastics so they can meet their demand for recycled products.
- Plastic recycling keeps bottles out of our environment, preserves biodiversity of our habitats, and reduces the need for taxpayer money to fund cleanup efforts.

How Plastic Recycling Helps Minnesota's Environment:

- Americans buy an estimated 34.6 billion single-serving (1 liter or less) plastic water bottles each year. Almost eight out of ten end up in a landfill or incinerator.
- Hundreds of millions of plastic bottles end up as litter on roads, beaches, and in streams and waterways. Keep our state clean; recycle every plastic bottle!

Did You Know:

- Five PET bottles (# 1 plastic soda bottles) yield enough fiber to make one extra large T-shirt, one square foot of carpet or enough fiber to fill one ski jacket.

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