New Look of School Milk

Recycle Plastic Milk Bottles?

When milk is served cold, in plastic containers, in a variety of flavors, and merchandised well, kids will drink more of it. But what is to be done with those plastic containers after students enjoy the nutritious beverage inside? That's easy, recycle! Plastic milk containers can definitely be recycled in fact…

Milk bottles can provide the "critical mass" needed for a school or district to set up a recycling program.

- To ensure profitability, recycling companies must take advantage of efficiencies such as sufficient quantities of recyclable material at each pick up and well organized trucking routes.

Coated paper milk cartons are not usually recycled because there are few companies capable of recycling this type of material.

- Paper milk cartons sent to landfills do not decompose easily.

Many recycling companies now have the capability to handle several types of recyclable materials.

- In addition to the plastic milk bottles, schools can recycle other plastic bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard and office paper possibly by the same recycling company.
- Many companies can pick up schools' cans and bottles in the same truck.

When a school or district has a successful multi-material recycling program their volume of trash is reduced, allowing for a reduction in trash pick-ups and a reduction in waste disposal costs.

- Trash reduction savings are a key benefit of a school recycling program.

During a recent Recycling Pilot Test conducted by National Dairy Council,® it was found that…

- Students are eager to recycle and cooperate in the program – especially in elementary schools.
- Recycling was done without any odor, excess liquid or custodial servicing issues.
- Recycling companies were pleased with the "clean" condition of the bottles and other containers that were collected for recycling.

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