

YES!

*school cartons
are recyclable*

IF YOU CAN RECYCLE CARTONS AT HOME, YOU CAN RECYCLE CARTONS AT SCHOOL

Please visit RecycleCartons.com to confirm carton recycling in your community. If your school can recycle cartons, Carton Council can provide technical assistance and resources to help your school get started. Here is a quick guide to make your program a success!

SETTING UP YOUR PROGRAM

“Drink, Empty, Recycle” is the basis of any carton recycling program so a good station set-up should include a bin for students to empty any residual milk and juice and a bin to recycle their empty cartons. Be sure that your program places an emphasis on the “Empty” step!



Also, reconsider those plastic liners. Cartons contained in plastic bags will trap moisture and odor and render the cartons unrecyclable. For a successful program, place loose cartons in the outdoor collection container, free of the plastic liner.



WHY SHOULD YOUR SCHOOL RECYCLE CARTONS?

*Help save
your school money!*

Recycling cartons means less waste and fewer pickups, which can result in lower waste-hauling fees.

*Make an
environmental impact!*

Over 5 years, the average school of 400 students serving lunch will save the equivalent of almost 1,500 reams of paper, 72 trees, and almost 30,000 gallons of water.



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SCHOOLS ARE RECYCLING CARTONS FROM COAST TO COAST



“North East ISD switched from plastic bottles to cartons once we confirmed we could recycle milk cartons with our District’s recyclable trash hauler. Switching from plastic to cartons saved about \$0.05 per serving. With the savings we can afford to offer a wider variety of fresh fruit to our students.”

Louisa R Kates, M.Ag, RDN, LD, Director, School Nutrition Services, North East ISD, San Antonio, TX



“I introduced the concept of recycling the milk cartons and juice boxes to the 4th and 5th graders. We thought we should try it out before involving all the kids. The kids did great. After emptying their milk they continued through the line to recycle the cartons, juice boxes, and other recyclables, then dumped their food and other trash, and stacked their trays. Before recycling, the trash cans are usually filled almost to the brim (4 of them, just for 4th and 5th grade) and to my absolute shock each are only about 1/3rd full. Since this was a new program, I sorted out remaining items that can be recycled and low and behold when I was finished I had 1 trash can 2/3 full of food and non-recyclable material. I am beside myself with glee.”

Char D'Ambrosia, Building Site Supervisor, Angier Elementary, San Diego Unified School District



“Carton recycling in Manatee County School District is making a major difference in our recycling program and saving our district money while doing the right thing by recycling our cartons. The children know they are making a difference with our environment one carton at a time.”

Patrick Gallagher, Energy and Recycling Specialist, Manatee County School District, Manatee County, FL

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