



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. See www.bedfordtech.com for more information.
- **Ladtech, Inc.** (Located in Lino Lakes) Since 1994, Ladtech uses 2 million pounds of recycled #2 plastic pellets annually for sewer adjustment rings used in manholes that have not shown any signs of breaking. 52 milk jugs, shampoo, and detergent bottles are required to manufacture one 2" adjustment ring. See www.ladtech.com for more information.
- **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. See www.mastermark.com for more information.

How Plastic Recycling Helps Minnesota's Economy:

- In 2011, Minnesotans recycled over 72,156 tons of plastic. Manufacturers around the state need recyclable plastics in order to meet their demand for recycled products.
- Plastic recycling keeps bottles out of the environment, preserves biodiversity of 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. Approximately eight out of ten bottles end up in landfills or incinerators.
- 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!

Recycled Plastic Facts:

- 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.