

Carton Recycling in Schools

“Best Practices”



Recycling Station “Best Examples”



**Finding the system that works
for your school!**

Recycling Stations

“Think Outside the Can”



System created by
Ridgewood Middle
School in Arnold, MO.

Bin system created by E.P.
Foster Elementary School
in Ventura, CA



Clayton Elementary
School in the Neenah
School District in
Wisconsin

Recycling Stations

Some schools have more simple recycling stations...



New York City's elementary school collection have kids participate in the process of emptying the milk from their cartons and then place the cartons in a separate container.

Recycling Stations

More station examples...



Charlotte Mecklenburg County, NC created this carton recycling system after receiving a grant from Carton Council.

A school in Agawam, MA created their own branding for their program.

“Got Milk Cartons?”

The kids quickly caught on and correctly put cartons in the recycle bin.



More simple stations...

Westview Elementary School in Jacksonville, FL has kids empty their liquid waste directly into the garbage can.



Going Above and Beyond...



Some schools have gone the extra mile and built their own stations!

A Custodian at Pine Jog Elementary in West Palm Beach, FL bought supplies and built his own system.

The bucket is on a circular dolly with a spigot at the bottom to empty the milk into the drain. The towels on top are to prevent any splashing.



Going Above and Beyond...

Rack Drying Stations



This student in the Gresham-Barlow School District volunteers at her schools' rack drying station.

Portland Lutheran School in Portland, Oregon set up a rack drying station in their cafeteria



Program Tip #1!

Don't forget an "Empty" station!



Draining liquid waste makes for a lighter and cleaner system. Plus, lighter weight bags are a custodian's best friend!

Program Tip #2!

Don't forget about plastic liners!

While it's easy to collect cartons in plastic lined cans, remember....

Plastic liners go into the trash!



Cartons must be removed from the plastic liners before being placed in the outside containers!



Save money by not using plastic liners. Ask students to place empty cartons in unlined recycling cans.

Set up a Green Team!

And get students involved!

This South Meadows Middle School student in Hillsboro, Oregon helps with the carton recycling system at his school.



Another student volunteers to help his carton recycling program at Rosedale Elementary in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Carton Recycling Posters

“Best Examples”



Carton recycling posters have a greater impact when designed by your own students, teachers, and parents.



Carton Recycling Posters



Salt Lake City Schools designed the “Drink it!, Drain it!, Dunk it!” campaign.



And Finally!

Find champions and make them poster children for recycling!





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