

# CARTONS ARE RECYCLABLE!



WHEN THE CONTENTS ARE GONE,

LET THE CARTON LIVE ON!

Did you know that food and beverage cartons—milk, juice, soup, coconut water, etc.—can be recycled? It takes **30–45 days for a carton to go from “bin to box.”** In the end, they can be made into some really useful, everyday paper products.

Here's how:



**1 AT HOME.** Once the contents are gone, the consumer places their food or beverage carton in their recycling bin.

**2 COLLECTION.** A collection truck takes the cartons, along with other recyclables, to a local recycling facility for sorting and baling.



**3 SORTING AND BALING.** Cartons are then sorted from other materials and separated, then baled for shipping to a mill.

**4 PULPING.** At one of nine paper mills in North America, paper fiber from the cartons is extracted and made into pulp by mixing the cartons with water in a machine called a “hydrapulper.”

**5 RECYCLING.** Pulp is then used to make new products (paper towels, tissue paper and other paper products, as well as green building materials like ceiling tiles and backerboard).

