Mesh Liners for Carton Recycling

*You provide the barrel, we provide the mesh bags!*

*Mesh liners for standard sized trash barrels are used to collect milk cartons and juice boxes. This new way of collecting will:

- Allow liquids to drain completely from cartons.
- Keep purple carts from getting dirty with milk residue.
- Reduce the smell and contamination of multiple carts.
- Make daily rinsing and keeping the barrel clean much easier than cleaning multiple 95-gallon purple carts.
- Reduce the use of plastic bags. We encourage schools to NOT use plastic bags under the mesh bag, but if staff time is limited for the daily rinsing of barrels, trash bags can be used under the mesh bag.

**DAILY USE**

- Post easy to read (**PURPLE**) signage on the barrel so students know where recycling needs to go!
- Mesh liners are placed in the barrels and tightened around the rim.
- There is a strap that can be tightened to hold the liner in place.
- Once the liner is full, it will need to be emptied into a designated purple cart outside in a storage area (by facilities staff OR students).
- Liners are emptied as needed and reused throughout the lunch period.
- The mesh bags can be washed and reused throughout the school year.

**CLEANING and MAINTENANCE**

- The collection barrel and mesh liner will need to be rinsed clean daily to remove milk residue.
- Rinsing can be done in a service sink in the kitchen or a custodial floor drain.
- The liner should be hung to dry overnight.
- The bags can be washed in the laundry if possible.

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