

HOW IS IT RECYCLED?

# PLASTIC

MILK & DETERGENT BOTTLES



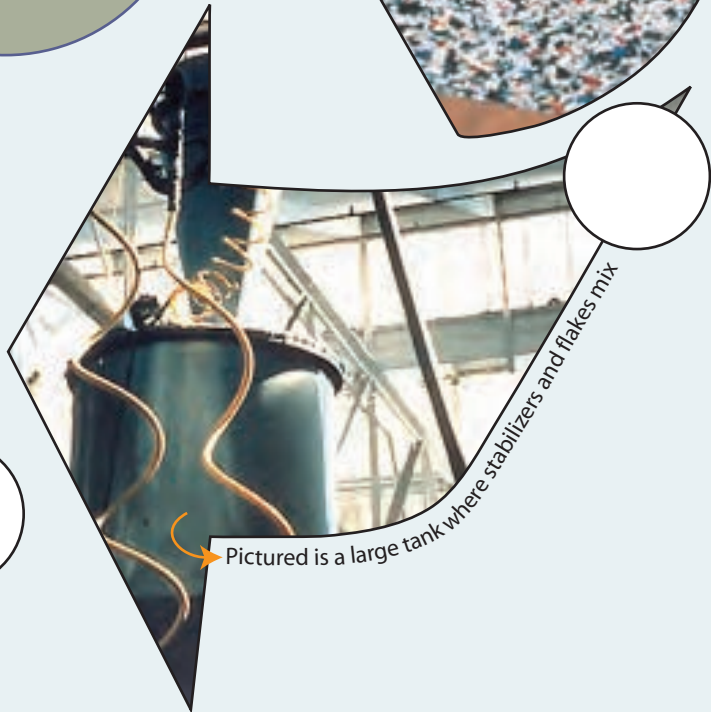
Washington County

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- 2** They are brought to a recycling center where plastic is sorted and baled by color and type
- 3** The bales are sent to a facility where the plastic is shredded into small pieces and cleaned, leaving only pure HDPE plastic flakes
- 4** HDPE plastic flakes are melted and mixed with stabilizers to prevent sun damage to the finished product; sometimes wood waste is added for texture
- 5** The hot and soft mixture is pressed to form a continuous board
- 6** The boards are cooled, cut, packaged, and shipped to distributors for building decks, retaining walls, and furniture

# **Sort it Out**

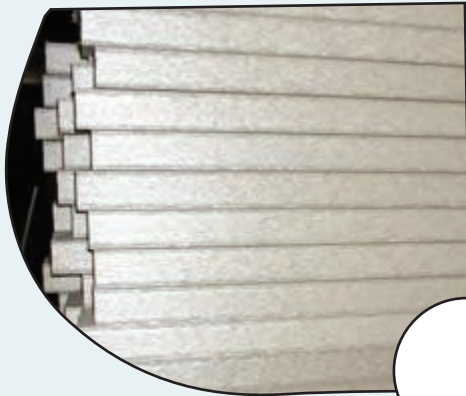
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE RECYCLING PROCESS!

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Pictured is a large tank where stabilizers and flakes mix

PLACE THE  
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CORRECT DESCRIPTION  
WITH ITS MATCHING  
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