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### **Residents Can Now Recycle Another Type of Plastic**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Nov. 1, 2024—Rumpke Waste & Recycling is adding another recyclable item to its program and we cannot contain the excitement.

Clamshell plastic containers are now recyclable. Residents can add them to their recycling bins starting Nov. 1.

Acceptable items include:

- Clear plastic carry-out containers
- Clear plastic fruit, berry and lettuce containers
- Clear plastic egg containers

“New artificial intelligence and optic technology allows Rumpke to identify and sort plastic clamshells from other types of plastics within the recycling stream,” added Jeff Snyder, senior vice president of recycling and sustainability at Rumpke. “Couple our innovations with the emergence of new, long-term end users, and we’ve created the foundation for the acceptance of clamshell container recycling in our region.”

Rumpke’s \$100 million private investment to build its new Rumpke Recycling & Resource Center in Columbus, Ohio not only doubles the region’s processing capacity to 250,000 tons annually, but also ensures a material processing system with 19 optic scanners and artificial intelligence that is delivering a cleaner and more efficient sort of materials.

“Rumpke is the recycling leader and our customers are counting on us to provide the best and most innovative recycling options, said Andrew Rumpke, president at Rumpke. “The new technology at the Rumpke Recycling & Resource Center allows us to separate and process new types of recycling from the stream. Our latest addition is the clamshell container.”

After processing, Rumpke will bale the clamshell containers and ship them to a partner manufacturer that will recycle them into plastic pellets for use in the production of a variety of new plastic products.

For now, clamshell recycling is only available to customers serviced by the Rumpke Recycling & Resource Center; this includes customers within central, northern and southeast Ohio and West Virginia. As Rumpke continues to upgrade its other recycling facilities with new technology and end markets continue to expand, customers can expect similar recycling options to become available in other areas as well.

#### **About The Rumpke Recycling & Resource Center**

- The new 226,000 square-foot facility is the largest, most technologically advanced of its kind in North America.
- It increases processing capability from 160,000 tons of material a year to 250,000 tons.
- It increases material processing speed to a minimum of 60 tons per hour versus 30 tons per hour.
- It increases the material recovery rate to 98%.
- The facility is built with evolution in mind. Cranes inside the facility allow for equipment upgrades as future technology comes online and the composition of recycling material changes.
- The new facility features a 3,000 square foot education center built in collaboration with COSI.
- Public tours are available and can be scheduled at [Rumpke.com](http://Rumpke.com).
- The facility also includes a research and development area and career center.

**About Rumpke:** Rumpke Waste & Recycling has been committed to keeping neighborhoods and businesses clean and green since 1932 by providing environmentally friendly waste disposal solutions. Rumpke is one of the nation’s largest privately owned residential and commercial waste and recycling firms, providing service to areas of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia. With 15 recycling facilities, including major material recovery facilities in Cincinnati and Columbus, as well as a one-of-a-kind glass processing facility in Dayton, Ohio, Rumpke is widely regarded as the recycling leader. Please visit [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) for more information.



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