

Mohawk Industries



In 1999, Mohawk Industries purchased what would become the world's largest integrated bottle recycling facility. Located in Summerville, GA, this mammoth facility, originally constructed in 1989, boasts over 600,000 square feet of processing space and employs over 300 people in the Northwest Georgia community. This facility receives and sorts bottles collected across North America and extrudes the material into carpet fiber.

In 2008, one out of every four plastic bottles recycled in the U.S. was processed into materials for polyester carpet fibers and carpet backings at Mohawk's Summerville facility. At this location, Mohawk has the ability to recycle 200 million pounds of recycled bottles per year! It takes approximately 40 bottles to create one square yard of carpet.

Mohawk is a member of nationally recognized recycling entities including the Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC), the Association of Post Consumer Plastic Recyclers (APR), the Southeast Recycling Development Council (SERDC) as well as the Carolina Recycling Association (CRA).

Mohawk and its collective sustainability initiatives, under the name of GreenWorks®, have been recognized by numerous trade publications not only for recycling initiatives, but also for commitment to their community. Mohawk diverts millions of pounds of waste out of local landfills each year, provides great jobs to thousands of people, and offers a green solution that benefits its employees, the company and the community.

Being at the forefront of recycling and sustainability means preparing for and tackling future challenges in the industry. According to Dale Eichberg, a Senior Buyer in PET Bottle Procurement at Summerville, bottles will continue to become increasingly light-weight, which means that less plastic will be sent to landfills. On the other hand, it will require greater recycling efforts by communities and companies to collect more bottles in order to yield the same recycled pounds. "We are ready for the challenges ahead," said Eichberg. "We are so proud of the work that is being done at the Summerville facility and in the community."

To learn more about how Mohawk is helping the environment and the community, visit www.mohawksustainability.com. To learn more about Mohawk's GreenWorks program, visit www.mohawkgreenworks.com.

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