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Hello,

The 5 gallon polycarbonate water bottle is my concern. I read 20 years ago that the thermoplastic composition of these bottles made them safe for reuse. The benefits of light weight, shatter resistant, container with the ability to withstand extremely high or low temperatures was much better and safer than glass. It made sense that they became so popular.

In all kinds of stores, you find personal sized polycarbonate bottles and people buy them. People know little or nothing about caring for their containers. **It is what people do to the container that could cause the container to do what it is not intended.**

I am all for the reuse and recycle of petroleum products. I believe 5 gallon polycarbonate water bottles are generally safe when provided for use from water bottlers. These bottles are big enough that they won't fit in a microwave oven and have a nipple stuck on and fed to a baby.

You need to educate people on safe handling. If you just gave people does and don'ts about things, all your studies would be for good instead of driving people crazy with fear they hear on the news.

IF you want to really start something, why not concentrate on the Dioxine Molecule? It' bad and it never goes a way and it is every where.

For what it is worth, thank you for reading my comments on this subject.

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