



PLASTIC RECYCLING MADE EASY!

Did you know that the number in the middle of the Mobius Loop is telling you what type of plastic it's made of, not that it's accepted in your recycling program?

Use this handy plastic recycling decoder when deciding what goes where with your plastics.

RECYCLABLE

PET #1

- ✓ Mouthwash bottles
- ✓ Peanut butter jars
- ✓ Salad dressing bottles
- ✓ Vegetable oil containers
- ✓ Water / soda bottles



Recycled into: Bottles and food containers, carpet, fiber, furniture, polar fleece, and tote bags.

HDPE #2 (CLEAR AND COLOURED)

- ✓ Detergent and household cleaning bottles
- ✓ Milk jugs
- ✓ Shampoo bottles
- ✓ Cosmetic containers



Recycled into: Benches, floor tile, laundry detergent bottles, lumber, oil bottles, recycling containers, picnic tables, and shampoo bottles.

PP #5

- ✓ Bottle caps
- ✓ Ketchup bottles
- ✓ Margarine tubs
- ✓ Syrup and medicine bottles
- ✓ Yogurt containers



Recycled into: Battery cables, bicycle racks, brooms, brushes, ice scrapers, landscape borders, rakes, and trays.

RECYCLABLE THROUGH SOME RECYCLING DEPOTS

PVC #3

- ✓ Children's toys
- ✓ Plastic pipes
- ✓ Lawn chairs
- ✓ Siding



Recycled into: Decks, pipes, mudflaps, flooring, cables, speed bumps, and mats.

LDPE #4

- ✓ Frozen food bags
- ✓ Plastic film and flexible plastics
- ✓ Plastic bags
- ✓ Shrink wrap
- ✓ Toothpaste tubes



Recycled into: Plastic bags, trash can liners and cans, and shipping envelopes.

Check for return to retailer programs or with your local recycling depot to see what they will accept.

NOT RECYCLABLE

PS #6

- ✗ Disposable plates
- ✗ Foam packaging
- ✗ Foam take out containers
- ✗ Foam egg cartons
- ✗ Plastic cutlery



PS #6 plastics are difficult to recycle with a limited end market.

There are a few exceptions including some yogurt cups and open plastic cups. **It's important to check with your community to see if these are accepted in your program.**

OTHER #7

A wide variety of plastic resins that don't fit into the previous categories are lumped into this one.

Sometimes these materials can be recycled in your blue bin, while others need to be taken to a depot.

- ✓ Water jugs
- ✓ Certain food containers
- ✓ Safety glasses
- ✓ Laundry baskets
- ✓ Broken blue bins



Recycled into: Car parts, plastic lumber, and custom-made products.



EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES

Most plastic packaging is accepted for recycling except for plastic film, black plastics, or anything with a foam texture. The general rule is that if an item is packaging (not a product) and contains one type of plastic, it can be recycled. Always confirm with your community or check the Recyclepedia to be sure.

