

A QUICK GUIDE TO PLASTICS RECYCLING

PLASTIC NUMBERS



→ These numbers indicate what type of plastic an item is made of, not that it is recyclable in your local program. Check your local recycling guide for accepted items.

RECYCLABLE PLASTICS

→ These plastics are relatively non-toxic and are the most easily recycled.



#1 PET

INCLUDES BEVERAGE BOTTLES
AND CLEAR PLASTIC CLAMSHELLS



#2 HDPE

MILK JUGS, DETERGENT BOTTLES,
PLASTIC COFFEE CONTAINERS



#5 PP

YOGURT TUBS, COLD DRINK CUPS,
SOME DELI CONTAINERS

NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS

→ These plastics are not easily recycled – do not place in your recycling bin. #3 and #6 are also more toxic and should be avoided if possible.



#3 PVC

PLUMBING PIPES, INFLATABLE
POOLS OR FLOATIES, SHOWER
CURTAINS



#6 PS

SOME CLAMSHELLS, EXPANDED
POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM),
SOLO CUPS



#7 OTHER

REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES,
SIPPY CUPS, MIXED PLASTICS

FILM PLASTIC & PLASTIC BAGS

- These plastics only get recycled when brought to a store drop-off location such as Wal-Mart, Service Food, or bins put out by the local Lions Service Clubs.
- **They do NOT get recycled when put in a cart or recycling drop off bin.**



Most film plastic recycling drop-off programs accept:

- ✓ Plastic shopping bags
- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Air pillows
- ✓ Bubble mailers
- ✓ Pet food bags
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Clean and dry bread bags
- ✓ Plastic produce bags

NO BULKY & RIGID PLASTICS

- These plastics are not accepted by companies that buy our plastic – they are simply too big, or the plastic is too rigid to go through a baler.
- **They do NOT get recycled when put in a cart or recycling drop off bin. PLEASE REUSE IF YOU CAN.**



BUCKETS



COOLERS



BINS AND TOTES



FURNITURE

NO BLACK PLASTIC

- Black plastic is not easily recycled, please avoid if possible. Black plastic is not recognized by optic sorters at larger recycling facilities and is also like the black t-shirt in with the whites – it can't be made into a lighter color.

