



What Do the Numbers Mean?

RECYCLING PLASTICS IS AS EASY AS ... 1 , 2, 3 4, 5, 6, 7!

The numbers shown inside the triangles refer to different types of plastics used in making plastic products and containers. The numbering system is based on a voluntary plastic guide developed by the Society of The Plastics Industry (SPI). Presently, SPI is working to improve the numbering system to make it easier for you to know what to recycle.

WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN?



PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) PET is used in the production of soft drink bottles, peanut butter jars etc. PET can be recycled into fiberfill for sleeping bags, carpet fibers, rope, pillows etc.



HDPE (High-density polyethylene) Is found in milk jugs, butter tubs, detergent bottles, motor oil bottles, etc. HDPE can be recycled into flower pots, trash cans, traffic barrier cones, detergent bottles, etc.



PVC (Polyvinyl chloride) is used in shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles, fast food service items... PVC can be recycled into drainage and irrigation pipes...



LDPE (Low-density polyethylene) is found in grocery bags, bread bags, shrink wrap, margarine tub tops, etc. LDPE can be recycled into new grocery bags, but in general, it is not recommended to put plastic bags in your recycling bin. Take your used shopping bags to a supermarket that offers plastic bag collecting services.



PP (Polypropylene) PP is used in most yogurt containers, straws, pancake syrup bottles, bottle caps, etc. PP can be recycled into plastic lumber, car battery cases, manhole steps, etc.



PS (Polystyrene) PS is found in disposable hot cups, packaging materials (peanuts), and meat trays, etc. PS can be recycled into plastic lumber, cassette tape boxes, flower pots, etc.



OTHER This is usually a mixture of various plastics, like squeeze ketchup bottles, "microwaveable" dishes, etc. Other (number 7) is usually not recycled because it is a mixture of different types of plastics.

Source: New York State
Department of Environmental
Conservation





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Containers

<p>Plastic bottles, tubs, and jugs (empty and clean, leave lids on)</p> 	<p>Plastic clamshells and trays (empty and clean, remove any absorbent pads)</p> 	<p>Aluminum and tin cans and foil (Foil must be clean)</p> 	<p>Glass bottles and jars (empty and clean, leave lids off)</p> 
<p>Milk cartons, juice boxes and Tetra Paks (Empty and clean, keep lids on, throw straws in garbage)</p> 	<p>Coffee cups (empty and clean, lids are garbage)</p> 	<p>Empty and dry paint cans and aerosol cans (Leave lids off paint cans)</p> 	



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PAPER

<p>Newspaper (remove plastic sleeve and put the plastic sleeve in your bag of bags)</p> 	<p>Office paper and envelopes (please bag shredded paper in its own clear bag)</p> 	<p>Magazines and books (remove hardcovers and put hardcovers in garbage)</p> 	<p>Boxboard such as cereal and cracker boxes (Inner plastic bags and liners are garbage)</p> 
<p>Corrugated cardboard (Flattened and bundled in a size that the driver can lift – 30" x 30" x 10")</p> 			



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PLASTIC BAGS (stuff all soft plastic bags inside one clear bag)

Grocery and retail bags, newspaper sleeves, produce bags

