

DECODING PLASTIC RECYCLING LOGOS

FIND OUT WHICH PLASTICS CAN BE RECYCLED IN YOUR AREA

NOT ALL PLASTIC CAN BE RECYCLED THROUGH YOUR LOCAL PROGRAM. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF PLASTIC, MAKING IT CHALLENGING FOR RECYCLING FACILITIES TO ACCEPT ALL PLASTIC PRODUCTS.

CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL RECYCLING SERVICE PROVIDER TO LEARN WHAT CODED PLASTICS SHOULD GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN.

LOGOS & THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

1
PETE



EXAMPLES: SODA BOTTLES, FOOD JARS
RECYCLED AS: TEXTILES, CARPET, FOOD CONTAINERS

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LDPE



EXAMPLES: BREAD BAGS, SHRINK WRAP, CONTAINER LIDS
RECYCLED AS: GARBAGE BAGS, SYNTHETIC LUMBER, SHIPPING ENVELOPES

2
HDPE



EXAMPLES: MILK JUGS, SHAMPOO BOTTLES
RECYCLED AS: NON-FOOD CONTAINERS, SYNTHETIC LUMBER

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PP



EXAMPLES: YOGURT CUPS, MEDICINE BOTTLES, BOTTLE CAPS
RECYCLED AS: CAR BATTERY CASES, OIL FUNNELS

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PS



EXAMPLES: POLYSTYRENE "STYROFOAM" COFFEE CUPS, CLAMSHELL TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS, PACKING FORMS
RECYCLED AS: THERMAL INSULATION, EXPANDED FOAM PACKAGING

3
PVC



EXAMPLES: RIGID PACKAGING, PLUMBING, HOUSE SIDING
RECYCLED AS: CARPET BACKING, FLOORING

7
OTHER



EXAMPLES: ALL OTHER TYPES OF PLASTICS
RECYCLED AS: POSSIBLE MIXED TYPES, BOTTLES AND SYNTHETIC LUMBER



AVOID ROOKIE RECYCLING MISTAKES



Plastic Shopping Bags

Most curbside recycling programs cannot accept plastic bags. Check if your local grocery store will accept these bags and deposit them there.



Plastic Caps & Lids

Some recycling programs require that you remove lids and caps from bottles and containers before recycling. Check with your local recycling program.



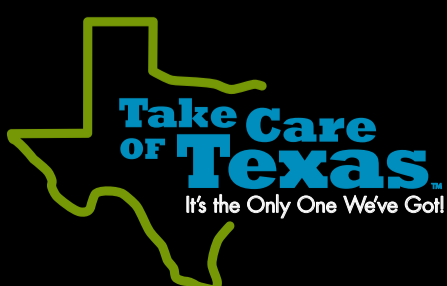
Keep It Clean

Rinse and clean all containers before recycling.



Don't "wish-cycle."

Only put items in the bin that you know can be recycled locally, not items that you hope will be recycled.



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