








What do the numbers mean on plastic recyclables?



Number	Name	Recyclability	Example of Product	Recycled Into
	PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate)	Very recyclable. Accepted in most curbside programs.	Food containers, water bottles and soft drink bottles	Clothes, tote bags, furniture, carpeting, new bottles or food containers
	HDPE (High density polyethylene)	Very recyclable. Accepted in most curbside programs.	Milk jugs, detergent containers, and shampoo bottles	Containers, floor tiles, writing pens, fencing, and picnic tables
	PVC (Polyvinyl chloride)	Somewhat recycleable. Check local guidelines.	Piping, siding, and wire jacketing	Decks, paneling, flooring and cables
	LDPE (Low density polyethylene)	Somewhat recycleable. Check local guidelines.	Bread wrapping, frozen food packaging, and squeezable bottles	Trash can liners, plastic lumber, and shipping envelopes
	PP (Polypropylene)	Very recyclable. Accepted in most curbside programs.	Yogurt containers, medicine bottles, and caps	Battery cables, brooms, bins, and signal lights
	PS (Polystyrene or Styrofoam)	Not accepted in many curbside programs. Check local guidelines for a drop off center.	Cups, plates, meat trays, egg cartons, and carry-out containers	Egg cartons, foam packaging, containers, and insulation
	Miscellaneous	Check local guidelines.	Varies	Custom-made products and plastic lumber

Rules and regulations vary by city and town based on their recycling programs. To ensure you are disposing of recyclable materials correctly, check with your local waste management provider on what they accept through curbside pickup. Even if they don't accept certain materials via curbside pickup, there are many drop-off locations that accept recyclable items such as electronics.



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