

PLASTIC RECYCLING BY THE NUMBERS

Some recycling programs limit the plastic containers and bottles they accept for collection. These plastics are identified by numbers, which can be found in a “**chasing arrows**” triangle either on the bottom of the container or near the neck of the bottle.



Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE) ~ *common uses* ~ water bottles, two liter soda bottles, cooking oil bottles, peanut butter jars



High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) ~ *common uses* ~ detergent bottles, milk jugs, aspirin and shampoo containers



Plastic #3: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) ~ *common uses* ~ water bottles, salad dressing containers and household cleaning solution containers



Plastic #4: Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) ~ *common uses* ~ food containers and some yogurt containers



Plastic #5: Polypropylene (PP) ~ *common uses* ~ reusable plastic food containers, yogurt tubs, butter tubs, plastic cups, and plastic prescription pill bottles.



Plastic #6: Polystyrene (PS) ~ *common uses* ~ Styrofoam packaging (Note: **Styrofoam items are not recyclable**), some plastic beverage cups, flowerpots and yogurt containers.



Plastic #7: Other (i.e. any plastic other than the names #1-#6 plastics types) ~ *common uses* ~ reusable water bottles and other hard plastic containers.



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