




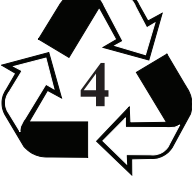

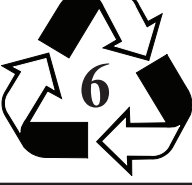
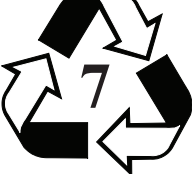


Recycling Numbers

What do they mean?



You may have noticed on recyclable plastics that there is a recycle symbol with a number in the center. What do those numbers mean? These numbers are going to tell you what type of plastic the item is made out of and how to recycle it. The lower the number generally means it is easier to recycle. Not all companies are able to recycle all types of plastic. This chart can help you identify your plastics.

Recycle Number	What does this number mean?
	These plastics are the easiest to recycle. They are usually found in water, soda bottles, and jars like peanut butter. This plastic is called polyethylene terephthalate (PET or PETE).
	The plastics in this category are often found in milk jugs, butter containers, and cleaning products and are easy to recycle. This plastic is called high density polyethylene (HDPE).
	Number 3 plastics are commonly found in plastic pipes, tubing, and other building supplies. It releases toxic gases when melted. This plastic is called polyvinyl chloride (PVC).
	Toys, plastic grocery bags, and shrink wrap are the most common plastics in this category. It is easiest to recycle these plastics in bulk, this is why grocery stores have bins for you to recycle your grocery bags. This plastic is called low density polyethylene (LDPE).
	This plastic is easy to melt and form into bottles like ketchup, medicines, and other containers with specialized tops. Many straws are made of Plastic 5, but are not recyclable. This plastic is called Polypropylene (PP).
	Number 6 plastics are Styrofoam like take out containers, packing peanuts, and egg cartons. This plastic is called Polystyrene (PS).
	This is a miscellaneous plastics category. Some common plastics in this category are found in phone cases, sunglasses, and large water jugs. It is difficult to recycle most of the plastics.