



Pile on More Plastics! Plastics Recycling Fact Sheet

PLASTIC TYPE	ACCEPTABLE PLASTIC	RECYCLED PRODUCTS
 PET POLYETHYLENE PETE	SOFT DRINK BOTTLES, PEANUT BUTTER & MAYO JARS, MOUTHWASH, SALAD DRESSING, BBQ SAUCE, KETCHUP BOTTLES, LIQUID DISH DETERGENT BOTTLES, GLASS CLEANER, ANY POST CONSUMER BOTTLES CODED #1	CARPETS, PAINT BRUSHES, LIQUID SOAP BOTTLES, INSULATION FOR CLOTHING, SURFBOARDS, HOUSEHOLD CLEANSER BOTTLES, SCOURING PADS, TENNIS BALLS
 HDPE HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE	MILK, WATER, JUICE, VINEGAR BOTTLES, MUSTARD SQUEEZE BOTTLES, SOME DAIRY TUBS, VITAMIN AND PAIN RELIEVER BOTTLES, SOME LIQUID DETERGENT BOTTLES	DETERGENT & BLEACH BOTTLES, TRASH BAGS, TRASH CANS, PAILS, TOYS, PLASTIC LUMBER, FRISBEES, FLY SWATTERS, TRAFFIC BARRIERS
 PVC POLYVINYL CHLORIDE V	SHAMPOO BOTTLES, COOKING OIL BOTTLES, SOME COSMETIC BOTTLES, CHARCOAL LIGHTER, MINERAL WATER	FLOOR MATS, PIPES, HOSES, MUD FLAPS
 LDPE LOW DENSITY POLYETHYLENE	FOOD STORAGE CONTAINERS, DAIRY CONTAINER LIDS, FABRIC SOFTENER BOTTLES, LOTION AND SUNCREEN TUBES	GARBAGE CAN LINERS, GROCERY, LITTER & CONVENTION BAGS, FRISBEES, PLASTIC LUMBER & LAWN FURNITURE
 PP POLYPROPYLENE	YOGURT CONTAINERS, MEDICINE BOTTLES, DELI CONTAINERS, COSMETIC CONTAINERS, FROZEN JUICE CANS, SOME MICROWAVE CONTAINERS	BROOMS, SNOW BRUSHES, PAINT BUCKETS, VIDEO CASSETTE CASES, FAST FOOD TRAYS, LAWN MOWER WHEELS, BATTERY PARTS, ICE SCRAPERS
 PS POLYSTYRENE	YOGURT CUPS & TUBS, COOKIE & MUFFIN TRAYS, CLEAR CARRYOUT CONTAINERS, ASPIRIN & VITAMIN BOTTLES (NO STYROFOAM)	VIDEO CASSETTES, FLOWER POTS, TRASH CANS, FOOD SERVICE TRAYS, BUILDING INSULATION, DESK TOP ACCESSORIES LIKE LETTER OPENERS & RULERS
 OTHER OTHER PLASTIC	KETCHUP SQUEEZE BOTTLES, SYRUP BOTTLES, WINDEX BOTTLES, 5 GALLON WATER COOLER BOTTLES, MICROWAVE CONTAINERS, LAYERED PLASTIC CONTAINERS	ICE SCRAPERS, SNOW BRUSHES, STREET SIGNS, PENS & CONCRETE SUPPORTS

THIS CHART IS BY NO MEANS A DEFINITIVE LISTING OF CODED PLASTICS & THEIR USES, IT IS INTENDED ONLY TO GIVE A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF PLASTIC RECYCLING BY IDENTIFYING THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF POST CONSUMER PLASTICS & LISTING SOME TYPICAL ORIGINAL & RECYCLED PRODUCTS MADE FROM THOSE PLASTICS.

- Philadelphia residents can now recycle all household plastic containers
- The City has expanded its curbside recycling program to accept plastics #3-#7, in addition to the #1 and #2 plastics that it has always collected
- In addition to the household plastics, Philadelphia residents should still recycle certain types of metal, glass, mixed paper and cardboard
 - Metal: tin and aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans and empty paint cans
 - Glass: jars and bottles
 - Certain types of mixed paper: newspaper, magazines, mail (junk and personal), phone books, food boxes (remove plastic liner), computer paper, flyers, wrapping paper (no foil or plastic wrap), soda and beer cartons
 - Cardboard: empty and flattened
- The City of Philadelphia will not recycle the following items:
 - Metal: aluminum foil, pots/pans and paper clips
 - Glass: light bulbs and window glass
 - Certain types of mixed paper: hard back books, tissues, paper towels, napkins, wax-coated cups or containers, food-soiled paper, file folders
 - Other plastics: styrofoam, plastic bags, PVC pipe, packaging inserts or “peanuts”
 - Other: chemicals, rubber, wood and ceramic porcelain plates or cups
- To learn more about the city’s newest additions to its Recycling Program and to sign-up for Philadelphia Recycling Rewards Program, please visit <http://www.phillyrecyclingpays.com/> or call the Philadelphia Recycling Rewards Customer Affairs Unit at 1-888-769-7960

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