

# Recycling Code Guide

Need assistance in understanding the symbols stamped on commercial plastic, glass & paper products?

See the below for our guide on these recyclable items!

## Plastics



### Polyethylene terephthalate (PET or PETE):

This type of plastic is very common, easy to recycle, and is accepted by most municipal recycling programs. This type of plastic is commonly found in disposable food and drink containers.



### High-density polyethylene (HDPE):

This type of plastic is non-transparent. It is also widely accepted in municipal recycling programs. HDPE is found in household cleaner bottles, shampoo bottles, yogurt containers and more.



### Polyvinyl chloride (PVC):

PVC is more difficult to recycle than the first two plastics mentioned above. Unfortunately, PVC is known to contain phthalates, a suspected carcinogen. This type of plastic can be found within children's toys and a variety of bottles including detergent and shampoo.



### Low-density polyethylene (LDPE or PE-LD):

This type of plastic is soft and flexible, and can commonly be found in thin plastic bags. Slowly but surely, this type of plastic is being added as an acceptable item to recycle. Please check to make sure it's accepted locally.



### Polypropylene (PP):

This type of plastic can be found in straws, soft-drink cups, and certain food containers. PP Plastic can be recycled, but to be safe please check to make sure it's accepted locally.



### Polystyrene (PS):

This type of plastic is also known as styrofoam, which is commonly used in takeout containers and disposable cups.



### Other plastics:

Includes plastics not included in the previous six categories, including BPA, polycarbonate and bio-based plastics.

## Glass



Mixed Glass



Clear Glass



Green Glass

## Paper



Cardboard



Mixed Paper



Plain Paper

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