

RECYCLE SYMBOL CHEAT CARD

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Uncleaned plastic (i.e. leftover food or drink) can cause contamination and end up sorting your recycling efforts into a landfill. Don't let your recycling go to waste!

TL;DR



Yes!
1 & 2



Maybe
4 & 5



No
3, 6, 7



PET

Soda bottles, juice bottles, detergent bottles, dressing bottles, mouthwash bottles, peanut butter jars, food trays, medicine bottles, etc.

Can go into the curbside recycling!

The best plastics to be recycled!



HDPE

Milk jugs, detergent bottles, ice cream tubs, shampoo & conditioner bottles, medicine bottles, protein powder jars, industrial jugs, etc.

Can go into the curbside recycling!

The best plastics to be recycled!



PVC

Plastic food wrapping, cooking oil bottles, blister packaging, shampoo & conditioner bottles, dressing bottles, etc.

The least recyclable / non-recyclable plastics. Cannot go curbside!

One of the three plastics that are hard to recycle due to containing chemicals that can leach into products and the recycling stream.



LDPE

Squeezable bottles, plastic bags, shrink wrap, dry cleaning garment bags, etc.

Rigid #4 types (i.e. bottles) can go into curbside recycling! Flexible types (i.e. bags) should NOT be thrown into curbside recycling. Local retailers may collect & recycle the flexible types. (check how2recycle.info/sdo for your local store that accepts the flexible types).



PP

Personal care jars, plastic bottle caps/closures, pails/buckets, yogurt containers, drinking straws, potato chip bags, etc.

More recyclers are accepting #5, but check before tossing into the curbside recycling bin! For smaller plastics (i.e. straws & caps) put them in larger #5 containers so they can get recycled too! If local recycling is not available, look up [Preserve Gimme 5](#).



PS

Styrofoam products, packing peanuts, cups, foam egg cartons, etc. Also used for cosmetic jars, disposable cutlery, etc.

The least recyclable / non-recyclable plastics. Cannot go curbside!

In foam form, PS is one of the three plastics that are hard to recycle due to containing chemicals that can leach into products and the recycling stream. In rigid form, it is rare for facilities to accept for recycling.



MISCELLANEOUS

All other types of plastics including BPA plastics. Baby bottles, cosmetic jars, water cooler jugs, clamshell packaging, etc.

The least recyclable / non-recyclable plastics. Cannot go curbside!

One of the three plastics that are hard to recycle due to possibly containing chemicals that can leach into products and the recycling stream since the plastic is not truly classified and has a standardized recycling method.

