

YOUR EASY GUIDE TO RECYCLING CODES



QUICK SUMMARY

As a general rule, codes 1, 2 and 5 can be recycled, all others should be double checked depending on where you live. You'll be a recycling pro in no time!



4: LPDE



Low-Density Polyethylene

LDPE is used in flexible plastics like garbage bags and sandwich wraps. While not always recyclable in curb-side bins, many supermarkets offer soft plastic recycling.

1: PETE



Polyethylene Terephthalate

Pete is one of the most commonly recycled plastics, found in soft drink bottles and food packaging.

Recycle it right to keep it out of landfills.

5: PP



Polypropylene

Polypropylene is found in everything from yogurt tubs to bottle caps. It's strong and versatile, making it easy to recycle into new products.

2: HDPE



High-Density Polyethylene

HDPE is strong and durable, making it perfect for products like shampoo bottles and milk containers. It's highly recyclable, so be sure to toss it in the right bin.

6: PS



Polystyrene

Polystyrene, often used in disposable coffee cups and packaging foam is tricky to recycle and can break into harmful microplastics. Check for specialised recycling programs in your area.

3: V



Vinyl or PVC

PVE (Vinyl) is commonly found in items like plumbing pipes, shower curtains and vinyl flooring. It's tough to recycle and can release harmful chemicals if not disposed of properly.

7: OTHER



Other Plastics

Plastics labeled '7' are a mix of various materials and are often the hardest to recycle. Before tossing them, see if your local recycling center can take them or consider alternatives.