

PLASTIC RESIN IDENTIFICATION CODES

They indicate the type of plastic that an item is made from. These numbers are intended to help consumers know whether and how to recycle various plastic products and packages.

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Polyethylene Terephthalate Ethylene (PETE)
Soft drink, juice, water, detergent and cleaner bottles



High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)
Milk and water jugs, bleach bottles, detergent and shampoo bottles, trash bags



Polyvinyl Chloride
Cooking oil and detergent bottles



Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)
Grocery store plastic bags, dry cleaning bags and flexible film packaging



Polypropylene (PP)
Yogurt containers, bottle caps, syrup bottles, yogurt tubs, margarine tubs and straws



Polystyrene (PS)
Commonly known by trade name "Styrofoam" - meat trays, egg cartons, disposable plates and cups, cutlery, carry-out containers and meat trays



Other
Includes resins not mentioned above or combinations of plastics

