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What Types of Plastics Can Be Recycled?

Plastics are identified by numbers 1 through 7. Usually located on the bottom of the package, this number is code for the specific type of plastic you're holding. Here are a couple of examples of the identification numbers and their corresponding products:



*Drinking straws, for example, are made of #5 PP plastic.
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- #1 PET** (Polyethylene terephthalate) – Fizzy drink bottles, oven-ready meal trays and water bottles
- #2 HDPE** (High-density polyethylene) – Milk bottles, detergent bottles, yogurt and margarine tubs, cereal box liners and grocery, trash and retail bags
- #3 PVC** (Polyvinyl chloride) – Cling film (plastic food wrap), vegetable oil bottles, loose-leaf binders and construction products such as plastic pipes
- #4 LDPE** (Low-density polyethylene) – Dry cleaning bags, produce bags, trash can liners, bread bags, frozen food bags and squeezable bottles, such as mustard and honey
- #5 PP** (Polypropylene) – Ketchup bottles, medicine bottles, aerosol caps and drinking straws
- #6 PS** (Polystyrene) – Compact disc jackets, grocery store meat trays, egg cartons, aspirin bottles, foam packaging peanuts and plastic tableware
- #7 Other** - Three- and five-gallon reusable water bottles, certain kinds of food containers and Tupperware

