

# THE PLATINUM PACKAGING GROUP



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## Plastic Recycling Chart

Many plastic containers manufactured today are stamped with symbols as an aid to recycling. These stamps identify the type of resin or resin mix in the plastic container. Only two types, PET and HDPE, are commonly collected for recycling.

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| <br><b>PET</b>     | <p>Polyethylene Terephthalate. Includes beverage bottles (like 2-liter pop bottles), frozen food boil-in-the-bag pouches and microwave food trays. PET makes up about 7% of the plastics stream.</p>        |
| <br><b>HDPE</b>    | <p>High Density Polyethylene. Includes milk jugs, trash bags, detergent bottles, bleach bottles and aspirin bottles. HDPE makes up about 31% of plastics stream.</p>                                        |
| <br><b>PVC</b>   | <p>Polyvinyl Chlorine. Includes cooking oil bottles and packaging around meat. PVC makes up about 5% of plastics stream.</p>                                                                                |
| <br><b>LDPE</b>  | <p>Low Density Polyethylene. Includes grocery store produce bags, bread bags, food wrap and mustard squeeze bottles. LDPE makes up about 33% of plastics stream.</p>                                        |
| <br><b>PP</b>    | <p>Polypropylene. Includes yogurt containers, shampoo bottles, straws, syrup bottles and margarine tubs. PP makes up about 9% of plastics stream.</p>                                                       |
| <br><b>PS</b>    | <p>Polystyrene. Plastic foam (better known by trade name Styrofoam™). Includes hot beverage cups, fast food clamshell containers, egg cartons and meat trays. PS makes up about 11% of plastics stream.</p> |
| <br><b>Other</b> | <p>All other plastic resins or mixes of those above in same product. These plastics make up about 4% of plastics stream.</p>                                                                                |