

7 Types of Plastic

Republic Services accepts Types 1 and 2.
Types 3-7 are unacceptable for recycling.



**Polyethylene Terephthalate
(PET, PETE, Polyester
or wrinkle-free fiber)**

water bottles
soft drink bottles
ketchup bottles
peanutbutter containers
salad dressing bottles
cooking oil bottles



**High-Density Polyethylene
(HDPE)**

milk jugs
juice bottles
cleaning agents
bleaching agents
laundry detergents
shampoo bottles
washing and shower soaps



**Polyvinyl Chloride
(PVC)**

food packaging trays
plastic packing
bubble wrap
food foils
blister packaging
wire jacketing
siding, windows, piping



**Low-Density Polyethylene
(LDPE)**

grocery bags
dry cleaning bags
bread bags
frozen food bags
plastic wraps
newspaper bags
garbage bags
paper milk carton coatings
hot beverage cups
cold beverage cups
squeezeable honey bottles
squeezeable mustard bottles
some other squeezeable bottles
frozen food containers
food storage containers
container lids
tote bags
furniture
wire and cable covering



**Polypropylene
(PP)**

hot food containers
some yogurt containers
straws
thermal vests
car parts
disposable diaper
sanitary pad liners



**Polystyrene
(PS)**

hard packing
disposable plates and cups
meat trays
egg cartons
carry out containers
CD cases
vending cups



All plastic other than those identified by number 1-6 and bioplastics (plastics that are layered or mixed) Polycarbonate (PC) is the most common plastic in this category and used for baby bottles, sippy cups, water bottles, lining for metal food cans, ketchup containers, and dental sealants. Others in this category are acrylic, polycarbonate, polyactic fibers, nylon, fiberglass.