

Guide to Plastic Recycling Grades



Polyethylene terephalate (PET or PETE) **Properties:** Clarity, barrier to gas and moisture, heat resistant, toughness.

Examples: Water bottles, food jars, ovenable film.

Recycled products: Fibres, drink bottles.



High density polyethylene (HDPE)

Properties: Toughness, resistance to moisture and chemicals, ease of processing.

Examples: Milk containers, wheelie bins, juice bottles.

Recycled products: Recycling bins, pallets.



Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)

Properties: Versatility, toughness, resistance to grease, oil and chemicals.

Examples: Plumbing pipes, cleaning product bottles, medical products.

Recycled products: Pipes, packaging.



Lowdensity polyethylene (LDPE)

Properties: Toughness, flexibility, ease of sealing, barrier to moisture.

Examples: Usually thin and pliable e.g. shopping bags, food containers, gloves.

Recycled products: Plastic bags, dispensing bottles.



Polypropylene (PP)

Properties: Strength, toughness, versatility, barrier to moisture.

Examples: Condiment bottles, medicine bottles, bottle caps, tupperware.

Recycled products: Auto parts, industrial fibres, pots.



Polystyrene (PS)

Properties: Versatility, insulation, clarity, easily formed.

Examples: Disposable cups, cutlery, food boxes, packaging foam.

Recycled products: Pots, tubs, trays.



Miscellaneous

Properties: Other plastics. Properties dependent on chemical makeup.

Examples: Baby bottles, CDs, storage containers, number plates.

Recycled products: Car parts, pallets.

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