



PLASTICS IDENTIFICATION LOGOS

Under plastics containers, there is an *identification logo* that contains a number in order for the plastic to be correctly identified to assist with recycling, and these should be separated for recycling.

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION
1 = PET	Polyethylene Terephthalate	Cooldrink, juice and water bottles, jars e.g. peanut butter, salad dressings, oil, cosmetics and some household cleaners and food trays
2 = PE-HD	High Density Polyethylene	Motor oils, crates, milk bottles, some domestic cleaning, some cosmetics and toiletries
3 = PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride	Clear trays for food packaging, toiletries, blister packs, chocolates, soft clear <i>vinyl</i> pouches (in the main now replaced by PET) (White line visible when folded)
4 = PE-LD	Low Density Polyethylene	Garbage bags, frozen veggie bags, building film and some soft squeezable bottles, cosmetic tubes, dust covers and shrouds
5 = PP	Polypropylene	Bottle caps and closures, battery cases, cups and plates, hinged or pill containers, buckets, flexible yoghurt containers
6 = PS	Polystyrene	Disposable cups and plates, rigid yoghurt containers, foamed styrene trays, cosmetic tubs, audio and video cassettes, CD and DVD covers, retail coat hangers and toys (cracks easily when squashed)
7 = Other (Largely not recyclable)	PA+PE-LD (Example) Other could refer to nylon and low density polyethylene laminates	Vacuum packaged meat, cheeses Mainly multi-layer and specialized packaging