








What Do The Plastic Recycling Numbers Mean?

	Abbreviation	Polymer Name	Some uses, once recycled
	PETE or PET	<i>Polyethylene terephthalate</i>	Tote bags, new PETE containers (food/non-food), fabric, sneakers, luggage, upholstery, furniture, carpet, auto parts
	HDPE	<i>High density polyethylene</i>	newer bullet proof vests, drainage pipe, liquid laundry detergent bottles, oil bottles, pens, dog houses, floor tile, picnic tables, benches, playground equipment and mailbox posts.
	PVC	<i>Polyvinyl chloride</i>	Pipe, shower curtains, meat wraps, decking, vinyl dashboards, seat covers, flooring, fencing, roadway gutters and non-food bottles.
	LDPE	<i>Low density poly ethylene</i>	Plastic bags, floor tile, garbage can liners, shipping envelopes, furniture, compost bins, paneling, landscaping ties.
	PP	<i>Low density poly ethylene</i>	Signal lights, battery cables brooms, ice scrapers, food containers such as Tupperware, yogurt tubs, diapers, outdoor carpet
	PS	<i>Polystyrene</i>	Desk accessories, cafeteria trays, toys, egg cartons, carry-out containers, coffee cups, disposable cutlery/cups, bakery shells, expanded polystyrene products (e.g. Styrofoam™).
	OTHER	<i>other plastics any combination of 1 - 6</i>	Plastic lumber, custom-made products