

Plastics Identification Codes

What do they all mean?

To make sorting and thus recycling easier, the American Society of Plastics Industry developed a standard marking code to help consumers identify and sort the main types of plastic. These types and their most common uses are:



PET

Polyethylene terephthalate – E.g. Fizzy drink bottles and oven-ready meal trays

We Accept



HDPE

High-density polyethylene - terephthalate
E.g. Bottles for milk, fruit juice and washing-up liquids.

We Accept



PVC

Polyvinyl chloride – E.g. Food trays, cling film, some mineral water and some shampoo

We Accept



LDPE

Low density polyethylene – E.g. Carrier bags and bin liners.

We Accept



PP

Polypropylene – E.g. Margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays.

We Accept



PS

Polystyrene – E.g. Yoghurt pots, vending cups, plastic cutlery, some plastic bags

We Accept
But not
Foam



OTHER

Any other plastics that do not fall into any of the above categories.

Do Not
Accept

If you look on the plastics products you buy, you should spot the little symbol and number.