








# Information on Plastic

CODE	TYPE	NAME	EXAMPLES	DESCRIPTION
	<b>PETE</b>	Polyethylene Terephthalate	<i>2 liter soda bottles, cooking oil bottles, peanut butter jars</i>	These are the most widely recycled plastics with a California Redemption Value. They are picked up as part of the curbside recycling program.
	<b>HDPE</b>	High Density Polyethylene	<i>detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, milk jugs</i>	These are rigid, narrow-necked containers. They are picked up as part of the curbside recycling program. HDPE grocery bags may be recycled at your local grocery store.
	<b>PVC</b>	Polyvinyl Chloride	<i>plastic pipes, outdoor furniture, water bottles, salad dressing bottles, liquid detergent containers</i>	<b>Hard</b> plastics no. 3 are now accepted in the curbside commingled recycling program in Santa Barbara County, however, plastic pipes are not accepted. Also, containers containing liquid should be rinsed.
	<b>LDPE</b>	Low Density Polyethylene	<i>bread bags, sandwich bags, dry cleaning bags, produce bags, trash can liners, shrink wrap, food storage containers</i>	<b>Hard</b> plastics no. 4 are now accepted in the curbside commingled recycling program in Santa Barbara County. While plastic bags are not accepted in the curbside recycling program, most major grocery stores will accept them to be recycled, and many packaging stores will accept bubble wrap for recycling, if it is clean.
	<b>PP</b>	Polypropylene	<i>aerosol caps, drinking straws, margarine tubs, straws, screw-on lids, wet suits</i>	<b>Hard</b> plastics no. 5 are now accepted in the curbside commingled recycling program in Santa Barbara County. Straws, screw-on lids, and wet suits, however, may not be placed in commingled recycling containers. Aerosol cans may be placed in commingled recycling containers if they are empty. If contents remain in the aerosol can, then it should be taken to a hazardous waste collection center.
	<b>PS</b>	Polystyrene	<i>styrofoam "peanuts", cups, plastic tableware, meat trays, to-go "clam shells," egg cartons</i>	<b>Hard</b> plastics no. 6 are now accepted in the curbside commingled recycling program in Santa Barbara County. Items made of Styrofoam, however, are still not accepted in Santa Barbara County and are not recyclable. Cups and plates made of hard plastic other than Styrofoam may be placed in commingled recycling containers, if they are clean and free of residue from food and liquids. Also, many packaging stores will accept Styrofoam peanuts for reuse.
	<b>Other</b>	Plastics	<i>various kinds of food containers and Tupperware, ketchup and syrup bottles</i>	<b>Hard</b> plastics no. 7 are now accepted in the curbside commingled recycling program in Santa Barbara County. Food containers must be clean and free of residue.



**Please check the bottom of plastic containers for the appropriate identification number.**

