

Do Recycle

- Bottles, Jugs, and Jars



Don't Recycle

- No clam-shell containers
- No unnumbered plastics
- No utensils
- No furniture or toys
- No straws
- No Keurig cups
- No Styrofoam



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What Plastics are Recyclable?



So What Miscellaneous Plastics are Accepted at Bloomsburg Recycling Center?

- **At Drop off only**
- YOGURT CONTAINERS
- BUTTER TUBS
- COTTAGE CHEESE TUBS
- WHIPPED TOPPING
- SOUR CREAM
- MAPLE SYRUP BOTTLE
- SHAMPOO BOTTLES
- MEDICINE BOTTLES

Also Includes:

- ARIZONA TEA JUGS
- BABY FOOD CONTAINERS

Bottle, Jug, Jar or Tub otherwise When in Doubt — Throw it Out

Please help recycling be successful in our community and KEEP TO-GO CONTAINERS OUT. We appreciate your help!

HOW DO WE MAKE PLASTICS RECYCLING EASIER?

RECYCLE by TERM & SHAPE

- not by symbol or number -

Is it plastic and shaped like a bottle?

RECYCLE IT.



Is it shaped more like a plastic jug?

RECYCLE IT.



Would you call it a plastic jar?

RECYCLE IT.



Did it have a dairy product and is tub-shaped?

RECYCLE IT.



If an item doesn't fit this description, we cannot accept it in the curbside recycling barrel or at the recycling center.

Which PLASTICS go in the tan can? It's not hard when you have a plan. The four terms to remember are: DAIRY TUBS, BOTTLES, JUGS, AND JARS!

Recycle plastics by *shape*:



Bottles



Tubs



Jugs



Jars

NOTE — TUBS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT

CURBSIDE— ONLY DROPOFF

NO PACKAGING MATERIAL IS ACCEPTED

Plastic Recycling

There's currently much confusion on which plastic items go into the recycling bin. Only BOTTLES and JARS are always recyclable. Don't worry about numbers. After a quick rinse, the tops can go back on and be placed in your bin.

The recycling symbols, triangles with numbers inside, on plastic packaging and containers are on all plastic items... from bottles to toys. The number defines the chemical formula of the plastic resin. Unfortunately, plastic manufacturers chose a triangle to put their number in and not a box or circle. We see the recycling symbol and consider it a green light to put it in the bin. Nope.

Not all plastics are created equal! Most plastic items cannot be placed in your recycling bin. Many are not strong enough to withstand the heat process of remanufacturing. Bottles and Jars consistently pass the test.

There have never been so many plastic items in our daily lives. But finding a market, a factory that remanufactures these plastics into useable items is extremely difficult and often impossible. Many of these everyday plastics hold food items such as bakery and berry boxes, frozen food trays, snack and fruit cups. Do they have a triangle with a number inside? Oh yes they do, but no market.

Generally speaking, when wondering if a plastic item can go into your recycling bin just ask yourself if it is a Bottle, Jug or Jar. When in doubt, throw it out!

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