

Recycling Symbols 'Explained'



The 'Mobius Loop' shows that the material can be recycled, but it does not indicate that it can be recycled in your kerbside recycling.



Producer contributes to a packaging recovery scheme. This has nothing to do with recycling and does not indicate whether or not the item can be recycled.



This is just a reminder to be tidy. It does not indicate that an item can be recycled in your kerbside recycling.



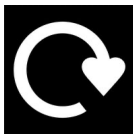
Terracycle is a specialist recycling scheme. The material needs to be pre-sorted and sent to their facility. Do not put it in your kerbside recycling.



Widely recycled by 75% or more of Local Authorities. But it still isn't collected by **all**, so you need to check.



Product is made from recyclable aluminium. It does not indicate that the item can be put in your kerbside recycling.



Packaging is widely recycled. But it still isn't collected by **all** Local Authorities, so you need to check.



Product is made from recyclable glass. It does not indicate that the item can be put in your kerbside recycling.



Packaging is recycled by less than 20% of Local Authorities. Some Local Authorities will accept it, so check.



Product has originated from a sustainably managed forest. This has nothing to do with recycling and does not indicate whether or not the item can be recycled.



PETE

There are variations of this symbol (see page below). It shows the type of plastic. It does not indicate whether or not the item can be recycled via kerbside schemes.

We know recycling can be confusing! Some producers don't provide clear instructions for recycling. If the label isn't clear, check your Local Authority website. If in doubt put it in your General Waste bin so as not to contaminate your recycling.

International Resin Identification Coding System

The ASTM International Resin Identification Coding System, often abbreviated RIC, is a set of symbols appearing on plastic products that identify the plastic resin out of which the product is made. It was developed in 1988 by the Society of the Plastics Industry (now the Plastics Industry Association) in the United States, but since 2008 it has been administered by ASTM International, an international standards organisation.

It is important to note that these symbols do not indicate whether or not an item can be recycled.



Polyethylene Terephthalate
Beverage bottles, cups, other packaging, etc.

PETE



Polypropylene
Auto parts, industrial fibres, food containers, etc.

PP



High-Density Polyethylene
Plastic drink bottles, pots, tubs and trays.

HDPE



Polystyrene
Expanded polystyrene is what you imagine polystyrene to be (white and crumbly). Solid polystyrene includes plastic utensils, yoghurt pots, etc.

PS



Polyvinyl Chloride
Pipes, facias, flooring. Some bottles are also PVC.

PVC



Other Plastics
For example acrylic, nylon, polycarbonate and polylactic acid, or mixtures of different polymers.

OTHER



Low-Density Polyethylene
Plastic bags, six-pack rings, tubing, film, etc.

LDPE

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