



## Recycling Plastic Bottles Is Easy

Here's How:

1. Recycle all plastic bottles and jars with an opening smaller than the base (or widest part). See the list at right. 

2. Remove and throw away caps, lids and pumps. 





3. Empty contents. You don't need to remove labels but rinse container thoroughly.

4. Crush plastic bottles by carefully stepping on them so they take up less room in the recycling container. Hold onto a counter-top or doorway so you don't slip. 

5. Place uncapped and flattened empty plastic bottles in your recycling container along with your other recyclables.

Look at the bottom of container for the symbol and number  
1's and 2's ONLY

Resin Codes	Descriptions
 <b>PET</b>	<p><b>Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET, PETE).</b> PET is clear, tough, and has good gas and moisture barrier properties. This resin is commonly used in beverage bottles and many injection-molded consumer product containers. Cleaned, recycled PET flakes and pellets are in great demand for spinning fiber for carpet yarns, producing fiberfill and geotextiles. Nickname: Polyester.</p>
 <b>HDPE</b>	<p><b>High Density Polyethylene (HDPE).</b> HDPE is used to make many types of bottles. Unpigmented bottles are translucent, have good barrier properties and stiffness, and are well suited to packaging products with a short shelf life such as milk. Because HDPE has good chemical resistance, it is used for packaging many household and industrial chemicals such as detergents and bleach. Pigmented HDPE bottles have better stress crack resistance than unpigmented HDPE.</p>

Please see the following websites for more information:

<http://www.deq.mt.gov/Recycle/index.asp>

<http://headwatersrecycle.com/>

<http://americanchemistry.com/>

## Plastic Containers From the Kitchen:

- soda
- milk
- water
- juice
- syrup
- ketchup
- cooking oils
- jars with necks



**DON'T** include these kinds of plastic items; these plastic items will not be collected.

- bags, film containers
- toys
- mailing supplies
- large plastic items
- pesticides and herbicides
- motor oil containers
- solvent, paint and adhesive containers
- tubs such as yogurt and margarine
- pails, such as ice cream
- flower pots and garden plastics
- food storage and microwave containers

**It's Cool to Follow the Rules.**

**Thank You**

**ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK!**