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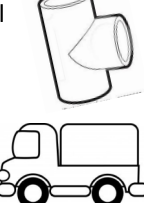




## Why waste it? When you can **recycle** it.



## WHAT DO THE NUMBERS ON PLASTICS REALLY MEAN, ARE THEY RECYCLABLE?



The number  to  found on the bottom of plastics is not a recycling symbol but rather a **plastic or resin identification code**. It advises what type of plastic the item is made from but not if it is recyclable. Most hard plastics coded 1-7 can be recycled in your yellow lidded recycling bin except for expanded polystyrene foam  and plastic bags  or .





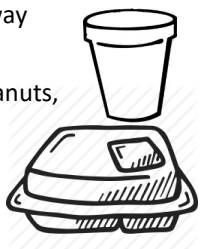




	Common forms	Can it be recycled in the yellow lidded bin?
 <b>PET</b> Polyethylene terephthalate	water, soft drink and sport drink bottles, condiment bottles, peanut butter, vegemite and jam jars. 	<b>YES</b> as these items are a rigid/hard plastic, they can be recycled through your recycling bin. However if you can, avoid purchasing plastic bottles and choose to use re-usable, refillable or glass bottles instead. 
 <b>HDPE</b> High density polyethylene	milk and juice bottles, detergent, shampoo and conditioner bottles, water pipes and grocery bags. 	<b>YES</b> the rigid/hard plastic items can be recycled through your recycling bin. However lightweight soft plastic grocery bags cannot be recycled in the recycling bin. They get caught up in the machinery at the materials recycling facility (MRF) and mix with other materials such as paper. You can recycle your plastic bags and other soft plastics through the REDcycle bins found at Coles and Woolworths stores. 
 <b>PVC</b> Polyvinyl chloride	(flexible or rigid) used for plumbing pipes, clear cordial and juice bottles, bubble wrap, cling wrap, children's toys and play mats, tablecloths, and vinyl flooring. 	<b>YES</b> the rigid/hard plastic items can be recycled through your recycling bin. Soft plastics, mats and flooring cannot be recycled in the recycling bin. Soft plastic such as bubble wrap and cling wrap can be recycled in the REDcycle bins found at Coles and some Woolworths stores. 
 <b>LDPE</b> Low density polyethylene	Bread bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, produce bags and bin liner bags as well as a lining in milk cartons and takeaway beverage cups. 	<b>NO</b> lightweight soft plastic bags cannot be recycled in the yellow lidded recycling bin. They get caught up in the machinery at the materials recycling facility (MRF) and mix with other materials such as paper. You can recycle your plastic bags and other soft plastics through the REDcycle bins found at Coles and some Woolworths stores. 

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 <b>PP</b> Polypropylene	Ice cream containers and lids, yoghurt, margarine and butter containers, juice bottles, bottle caps, straws, plant pots and plastic takeaway containers 	<b>YES</b> rigid hard plastic containers can be recycled. Bottle caps can be placed in loose however straws should be contained in a plastic bottle. 
 <b>PS</b> Polystyrene	Foam cups and takeaway containers, moulded packaging, packing peanuts, meat trays, yoghurt, margarine and butter containers 	<b>NO</b> expanded polystyrene—foam cups, takeaway containers and packaging cannot be recycled in your recycling bin. Polystyrene breaks up into many small pieces and contaminates recyclable materials. Rigid, hard forms such as yoghurt and margarine containers can be recycled in your recycling bin. 
 <b>OTHER</b> Bisphenol and others	Nylon, safety and prescription glasses, sunglasses, baby milk bottles, headlight lenses, CDs and DVDs, water cooler bottles 	<b>YES &amp; NO</b> As the number 7 includes a range of plastic types and items, the recyclability of these will depend on the individual item. Nylon, CD's and DVD's cannot be recycled through your recycling bin however baby milk bottles, safety glasses, headlight lenses and water cooler bottles can. 

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