








Plastics Symbols

Plastic Recycling Symbol	Plastic Name	Where to Find This Plastic in Your Home	This Plastic is Valued For
 PETE	Polyethylene Terephthalate	water and soda bottles	clarity strength impermeability to gas and moisture
 HDPE	High Density Polyethylene	milk jugs, grocery bags and toiletry bottles	stiffness strength resistance to moisture permeability to gas
 V	Polyvinyl Chloride	water pipes, blister packaging for non-food items	strength ease of blending with other materials versatility
 LDPE	Low-density Polyethylene	food bags, squeezable bottles, cling films, disposable cups	flexibility ease of processing ease of sealing barrier to moisture
 PP	Polypropylene	microwaveable containers, yogurt cups, disposable plates / cups	strength resistance to heat, chemicals, oils and moisture
 PS	Polystyrene	disposable plates, cups, cutlery, containers and packing peanuts	clarity versatility molding ease
 OTHER	Other (often Polycarbonate or ABS)	beverage bottles, CD's, lenses for glasses, riot shields	properties dependent upon the mixture of polymers may contain BPA