

A Guide to
**RECYCLING
PLASTIC FOOD
and BEVERAGE
CONTAINERS**
at Recycling
Drop-off Sites

in Lincoln and
Lancaster County



#1 **PLASTICS**

PET or PETE (Polyethylene Terephthalate)
(Nickname: Polyester)

First Life: Soda, water and beer bottles; mouthwash bottles; peanut butter containers; salad dressing and vegetable oil containers; and cough syrup bottles.

Second Life: Polar fleece, tote bags, furniture, carpet, paneling and occasionally made into new plastic containers.



#2 **PLASTICS**

HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)

First Life: Milk jugs; juice bottles; bleach, shampoo, detergent and household cleaner bottles.

Second Life: Detergent bottles, shampoo/conditioner/motor oil bottles, recycling containers, floor tile, drainage pipe, benches, picnic tables, flower pots and fencing.



#3 **PLASTICS**

PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)

First Life: Window cleaner and detergent bottles; shampoo bottles and cooking oil bottles.

Second Life: Decks, paneling, mud flaps, garden hose, flooring, cables, speed bumps, and mats.



#4 **PLASTICS**

LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene)

First Life: Squeezable bottles such as mustard and honey bottles.

Second Life: Trash can liners and cans, compost bins, paneling, outdoor lumber, and floor tile.



#5 **PLASTICS**

PP (Polyethylene)

First Life: Syrup bottles; ketchup bottles; yogurt containers; cottage cheese and margarine tubs; some single serving pudding and gelatin containers; and medicine bottles.

Second Life: Battery cables, brooms, brushes, auto battery cases, ice scrapers, landscape borders, and rakes.



Proper Separation Requirements and What Not to Recycle on Reverse Side



Proper Separation Requirements

Remove lids and discard in trash

Rinse

Flatten (*this helps save space in the recycling containers*)

All plastic food and beverage containers can be mixed together in the recycling bin

The Following Plastic Products are **NOT ACCEPTED** at Recycling Drop-off Sites



Plastic Bags or Sacks

Flower Pots

Toys

Plastic Lids

Motor Oil Containers

Garden Chemical Containers

Automotive Chemical Containers

Plastic Containers with Metal Ring around the Top (*single serving meal/soup containers*)

Styrofoam Packing Material

Meat and Poultry Trays

Packaging Material/Blister Packages/Clamshell Packaging

All Non Food and Beverage Plastic Products #1 - #5

All #6 and # 7 Plastic Containers