








Householder's guide to recycling



PLASTIC TYPE	USED IN	BUY-BACK VALUE	RECYCLED INTO	WHERE CAN YOU TAKE IT FOR RECYCLING
 <p>PET</p>	Cold drink and water bottles, plastic jars and clamshell packaging	<p>The buy back price of collected plastics is determined by type of polymer, contamination levels, colour, whether or not it is sorted, and individual recyclers.</p>	Hollow fibre filling for jackets, duvets, pillows and sleeping bags is the main use for clear PET bottles in South Africa. Green bottles are turned into building insulation (Isotherm); PET is also recycled in geotextiles for road stabilization and dam lings, and Plastiwood.	For a list of drop off points visit www.petco.co.za or www.plasticsinfo.co.za/plastics-the-environment-recycling.asp
 <p>PE-HD</p>	Milk bottles, cleaning products, cosmetics and toiletries, crates and motor oils		Recycling bins, compost bins, buckets, detergent containers, posts, fencing, pipes, plastic timber and plastic chairs.	For a list of drop off points visit www.plasticsinfo.co.za/plastics-the-environment-recycling.asp
 <p>PVC</p>	Clear trays for foods and toiletries, clear bottles, pipes and gutters.		Gumboots, hangers	For a list of drop off points visit www.plasticsinfo.co.za/plastics-the-environment-recycling.asp
 <p>PE-LD</p>	Rubbish bags, frozen veggie bags, building film, some soft, squeezable bottles and cosmetic tubs		Bin-liners, pallet sheets, irrigation piping, a variety of containers and construction and building film.	For a list of drop off points visit www.plasticsinfo.co.za/plastics-the-environment-recycling.asp
 <p>PP</p>	Bottles, ice cream tubs, straws, microwave dishes, kettles, garden furniture, lunch boxes, packaging tape and bottle caps		Pegs, bins, pipes, pallet sheets, oil funnels, car battery cases and trays.	For a list of drop off points visit www.plasticsinfo.co.za/plastics-the-environment-recycling.asp
 <p>PS</p>	Two kinds: high-impact (eg. Coat hangers, yoghurt cups) and expanded (e.g. meat and vegetable trays)		Picture frames, curtain rails, finials, skirting boards, cornices, stationery e.g. rulers, seedling trays, coat hangers. Demand far outstrips supply in S.A.	For a list of drop off points visit www.plasticsinfo.co.za/plastics-the-environment-recycling.asp or www.polystyrenepackaging.co.za
 <p>OTHER</p>	You are unlikely to recycle these at home. They include a variety of special plastics e.g. engineering plastics.		Not recycled in S A at present.	