

How to recycle Plastics

Plastics recycling makes a major contribution towards a circular economy, helping to achieve a more sustainable and resource efficient future for all.

Reuse and recycle
your plastics.



Start recycling at home in 4 easy steps



Know which products can be recycled.



Give the recyclable plastic items a quick rinse in your washing up water before placing in the recycling bin.



Recycling is easy if you create a simple recycling system in your home. Keep a separate container beside your rubbish bin to remind everyone to recycle.



Find out where you can drop off your recyclables. Visit www.mywaste.co.za or <https://sst.org.za> for your nearest drop-off sites.

Recycling Plastics!



Recycling symbol

The recycling logo indicates that the product is 100% recyclable. Plastic is versatile, durable and recyclable. It can be reused without any risk to your health or the environment.



International Polymer Identification Code

International polymer identification code used on products to identify plastics and ensure effective plastic waste sorting and recycling.



Increased tonnages RECYCLED

According to Plastics|SA's 2019 Recycling Survey, the recycling of plastics has shown a year on year increase in the total tonnages converted.

RECYCLED plastics are gaining a reputation for being **strong, durable and versatile.**

By **RECYCLING PLASTICS** we decrease the need for raw materials and save energy



Reduce | Reuse | Recycle

Polymer Code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Product							
Recycled Into							

The plastics industry contributed **18.5%** to SA's Manufacturing GDP

119 000 tons of **quality recycled plastics** were used to manufacture new packaging items.



70% of recyclable plastics were sourced from landfill and other post-consumer sources in 2019.

Tonnages landfilled, material not collected and value chain fall out, reduced by **2,2%**

Plastics recycling saved **244 300** tons of CO₂ – the equivalent emissions of **51 000 cars** in 2019.



R2 065 billion was injected into the informal sector creating **58 750** income opportunities.

SA recycled the equivalent of **24 million** two-litre bottles every day



Did you Know?



11 coke bottles = 1 pair of trousers



4 000 2l milk bottles = 1 park bench



41 clamshells = 1 photoframe

Plastics make it possible!

Statistics from 2019 Plastics|SA Recycling Survey