



Plastics Recycling

Plastics are commonplace. From shopping bags and food containers to drink bottles and packaging materials, we use plastics everyday. It is important to use them responsibly and dispose of them appropriately. Many people are confused by the different types of materials and what can or cannot be recycled.

Important facts:

- The chasing arrows symbol found on the bottom of plastic products is an indication of the type of plastic, not that they are recyclable
- Most rigid plastics are recyclable through Davis Street's curbside programs

DID YOU KNOW?
 Davis Street recycles over 14 million pounds of plastics per year.

MATERIAL MATTERS
 In 2008, over 234,000 pounds of plastic materials were deposited in Alameda County landfills.
Recycling Tip:
 Keep plastic lids on plastic bottles for recycling.

Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex
 2615 Davis Street
 San Leandro, CA 94577
 Hours of Operation:
 MON – FRI: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
 SAT: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
 SUN: Closed

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Material: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)
Used For: Soda & water bottles, peanut butter jars and cooking oil bottles.
Recycled Into: Fleece, carpet, polyester products
Where: USA



Material: High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)
Used for: Milk bottles; detergent bottles, some plastic bags
Recycled Into: Plastic lumber, curbs, trash cans
Where: USA



Material: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
Used for: Salad dressing, detergent, shampoo bottles, toys, pipes
Recycled Into: Vinyl flooring, billboards, carpet backing
Where: USA

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Plastics Recycling (cont'd)



Material: Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE)
Used for: Produce and shopping bags
Recycled into: Garbage bags
Where: Not Collected by Davis Street for recycling



Material: Polypropylene (PP)
Used for: Bottle tops and drinking straws
Recycled into: Ice scrapers, trays, yard & garden tools
Where: Not Collected by Davis Street for recycling



Material: Polystyrene (PS or EPS)
Used for: Polystyrene foam meat and take-out trays, cups, packaging materials
Where: Not Collected by Davis Street for recycling



Material: Other
Used for: This is a catchall for plastics resins or mixes of all of the above in the same product.
Not readily recyclable

BIO PLASTICS

Material: Plant-based resins often combined with chemical resins
Used for: plastic bags, utensils, plates & cups
Not Recycled in the traditional sense that it creates a new product; it breaks down in a relatively short period of time in landfills, something traditional plastic does not do. If composted, the resulting compost does not meet the Organic Materials Review Institute standard for use in organic farming.

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