

WHAT'S ALMOST NEVER ACCEPTED?

Products labeled with Code 3, 6, or 7 are less often accepted for recycling. Check with your local recycler.



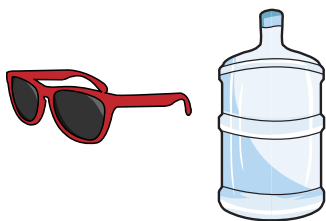
CODE 3 (V OR PVC)

- **Examples:** Window cleaner and dishwashing detergent bottles. Some shampoo bottles. Cooking oil bottles. Clear food packaging. Siding. Windows. Piping, used in most blister packs.
- **Recyclability:** Although not usually recycled at municipal facilities, Code 3 may be accepted by some plastic lumber makers.
- **Used to make:** Decks, paneling, mud flaps, roadway gutters, flooring, cables, speed bumps, mats.
- PVC is tough and weathers well, so it is commonly used for piping, siding and similar applications.



CODE 6 (PS)

- **Examples of polystyrene:** Some over-the-counter medicine bottles. Compact disk cases. Expanded polystyrene examples include clamshell take-out containers, coffee cups, plates, and egg cartons. These are commonly referred to by the brand name Styrofoam®.
- **Recyclability:** Polystyrene is rarely accepted in most curbside recycling programs. Please check with your municipality for specifics.
- Used to make insulation, light-switch plates, egg cartons, vents, rulers, foam packing, carry-out containers.
- Polystyrene can be made into rigid or foam products usually called "expanded polystyrene." It is popularly known by the trademark Styrofoam®, which should not be placed in your recycling bin. Instead, there are a number of drop-off locations for expanded polystyrene, and they can be found at <http://www.epspackaging.org/info.html>.
- Each year, Americans throw away 25 billion polystyrene cups, enough to circle the Earth 436 times.



CODE 7 (OTHER)

- Code 7 plastics may be found in three- and five-gallon water bottles. Bullet-proof materials. Sunglasses. DVDs. iPod® and computer cases. Signs and displays. Certain food containers. Nylon®.
- Code 7 means that the product in question is made with a resin other than the six "coded" resins; or that it is made of more than one type of plastic.
- There is very little recycling potential for most Code 7 plastics at this time.
- **One exception:** Polyactide, made from plants, and also known as PLA, is a biodegradable packaging material derived from renewable resources such as corn starch or sugar cane. Place polyactide packaging into a municipal composter or your own backyard compost pile.