PLASTIC SYMBOLS

WHAT DO THEY MEAN?



PET

Clear plastic
E.g. water bottles and food containers
Most recycled worldwide



HDPE

Hard and not as transparent plastic
E.g. shampoo bottles and household cleaners
Widely recycled



PVC

Rigid or flexible plastic
E.g. food wrap, vinyl, and pipes
Difficult to recycle



LDPE

Soft flexible plastic
E.g. grocery bags and bin liners
Recyclable but limited



PP

Tough but flexible plastic
E.g. food containers, straws, bottle caps
Rarely recycled



PS

Lightweight, rigid, or foam plastic
E.g. styrofoam, single-use cups, disposable cutlery
Challenging and expensive to recycle



OTHERS

All other plastics
E.g. DVDs, sunglasses, nylon, fibreglass
Most difficult to recycle

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY!

- Refuse single-use
- Reduce plastic usage
- Reuse what you have
- Recycle what you can

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