

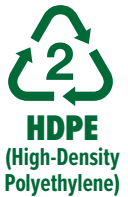
## RECYCLABLE

**TIP:** Know the difference between hard and soft plastics. If it is as hard as, or harder than, a water bottle, it is a hard plastic and can likely be recycled!



### EXAMPLES:

- Water bottles
- Cups
- Takeout containers



### EXAMPLES:

- Detergent bottles
- Milk jugs
- Opaque plastics



### EXAMPLES:

- Reusable takeout containers
- Bottle caps (*leave them on the bottle!*)
- Yogurt containers



# Recycling PLASTIC in Leon County

## NOT RECYCLABLE

**TIP:** In addition to the examples below, no soft plastics, like grocery bags or bubble wrap, are allowed in an at-home bin. However, many local grocery stores collect soft plastics to be recycled commercially.



### EXAMPLES:

- PVC pipe
- Hard and flexible vinyl

This plastic releases chemicals that make recycling difficult.



### EXAMPLES:

- SOLO cups
- Hot drink lids
- Styrofoam

*Like soft plastics, Styrofoam is collected at select grocery stores for commercial recycling.*

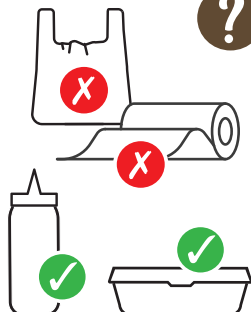


## THE TRICKY ONES

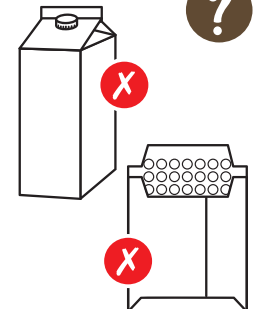


Most #4 LDPE products are soft plastics, like grocery bags and cling wrap, and cannot go in single-stream recycling. Check your local grocery store to see if they accept soft plastics for recycling! Please do not put this in your at-home bin.

**NOTE:** #4 products can also include firm containers, like squeeze bottles and certain takeout containers, which are allowed in your at-home bin.



Specialty items primarily include composite materials, which are made up of more than one material and are unable to be recycled locally. This can include paper cartons with a plastic coating, paper mailers with plastic padding, and many more. These products may have information about how to recycle them on the item itself or on the company's website. Please do not put these items in your at-home bin.



Understanding the Resin Identification Codes (RICs), also known as the “chasing arrows symbol,” on plastic items is important for determining proper disposal, which can vary from place to place. Check out this cheat sheet for understanding which plastics are recyclable in Leon County!

For questions, please contact the Leon County Office of Sustainability at 850-606-5000 or email [Sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:Sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov).