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Recycling Information for the Central San Joaquin Valley

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What do those numbers represent on plastic products?

Symbols on plastic products answer a question: what type of plastic is used to manufacture this product? The recycling symbols triangle, left, lists symbols from 1-7, indicating the type of plastic used to make products.

Here is a short list explaining the type of plastic symbolized by each number:



PET (*Polyethylene Terephthalate*): PET is the most common plastic, used in water and soda bottles.



HDPE (*High Density Polyethylene*): HDPE is a hard plastic used to manufacture products like bleach and detergent bottles, milk containers, and toys.



PVC (*Polyvinyl Chloride*): PVC is a soft plastic used to make blister packaging, cooking oil bottles, food wrap, children's toys (i.e. teething rings), and pet toys.



LDPE (*Low Density Polyethylene*): LDPE is used in bread bags, dry cleaning plastic, squeezable bottles (i.e. condiments), grocery bags, and shrink wrap.



PP (*Polypropylene*): PP is strong but lightweight, and used for products like butter containers, cereal box liners, potato chip bags, and yogurt cups.



PS (*Polystyrene*): PS is commonly used for egg cartons, foam cups, packing and shipping materials, take-out food containers, and utensils. Generally, plastics bearing this label are not recyclable.



Other (*BPA, Polycarbonate and Lexan*): Symbol 7 products include baby bottles, car parts, food containers, and sippy cups.



Happy Holidays! As you celebrate, remember to recycle.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Industrial Waste and Salvage!**

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