

Guide to the Recyclability of Plastic Packaging

Amber Green When Green List Is Not an Option Widely Recyclable **Rigid Plastics Rigid Plastics Rigid Plastics** Clear, natural, non-colored - Lightly tinted or colored, transparent rigid plastics in the mono-material plastics have the - Polyvinyl chloride PVC - Polystyrene PS/HPS highest value for recyclability green list - PET/rPET/CPET

- HDPE
- LDPE
- PP

Flexible Plastics

- Mono Polyolefin mono-material

Glass

- Clear, green, and amber glass

Paper | Cardboard | Pulp

- Corrugated cardboards
- Paper
- Cartonboard/card

Metal

- Aluminum
- Steel

Flexible Plastics

- Laminate films that are not accepted via recycling soft plastic streams

Glass

- Other colored glass

Paper | Cardboard | Pulp

- Plastic Polymer coatings and laminates to be kept to a minimum and only on one side of the paper/board

Biodegradable | Compostable

- Certified home compostable

- Any polymers/plastics not on the green list including:
- Expanded Polystyrene EPS
- Polylactic Acid PLA
- Oxo degradable plastics
- Carbon black or opaque plastic

Flexible Plastics

Any flexible plastics not on the green or amber lists

Glass

- Excess surface area covered with plastic labels with permanent adhesives
- Dark tainted glass
- PVC
- Black and dark tinted glass

Paper | Cardboard | Pulp

- Coated with wax, silicone, PFAS, high wet strength boxboard
- Plastic coated
- Composite containers

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Should not be used unless certified

Red Avoid Using – Phase Out