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## Recycling Plastics

On most plastic jars, containers and other packaging of products, you'll find a recycling logo with a number in the middle and sometimes letters underneath stamped into the plastic. The Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI) implemented the system in 1988 to allow recyclers to tell the different types of plastic when sorting. The numbers in the triangle indicate the grade of plastic.

SYMBOL		FULL NAME	FOUND IN
		Polyethylene Terephthalate	Soft drink, water bottles, mouthwash bottles, peanut butter containers, salad dressing and vegetable oil containers.
		High Density Polyethylene	Milk jugs, juice bottles, bleach, detergent and cleaner bottles, shampoo bottles, butter and yogurt tubs, cereal box liners.
		Polyvinyl Chloride	Window cleaner and detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles, clear food packaging, wire jacketing, medical equipment, siding.
		Low Density Polyethylene	Squeezable bottles, bread, frozen food, dry cleaning and shopping bags, tote bags, clothing, furniture, carpet.
		Polypropylene	Some yogurt containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, caps, straws, medicine bottles.
		Polystyrene	Styrofoam, disposable plates and cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers, compact disc cases.
		Other	Three and five gallon water bottles, sunglasses, DVD's, iPod and computer cases, signs and displays, certain food containers, nylon.