

# Plastic

Plastic Products have numbers in the recycling symbols that tell you what type of plastic the product is. The smaller the number, the easier it is to recycle. This means that it can be made into new products easier. (The numbers are imprinted on the bottom of the plastic containers—look for the number inside the little recycling triangle logo.)

**In Springfield, the City-operated Recycling Centers accept the full range of plastics, #1--#7, with these exceptions:**

**Disposable dishes** (knives, plates, etc.)

**Other plastic items, such as pipe, siding, plastic wrap, plastic bags, wading pools, etc.**

**\*Styrofoam, Plastic Bags** (consult the “Guide to Recycling in Springfield” brochure—there are several places that take these items)

**\*\*“Take-Out Containers”**—deli/fast food/salad bar plastic bowls, etc

If these are clean, they can go to the **Etc. Center** (see “Guide to Recycling in Springfield”)

Plastics number one and two represents 92% of all plastic generated. Plastic number three represents 4% of all plastic generated. Therefore, Springfield has the opportunity to recycle over 96% of all plastic waste stream.



**PET**

**YES**  
Pop Bottles,  
Juice Bottles,  
Corn Oil  
Bottles

**NO**



**PP**

**YES**  
Yogurt  
Cartons,  
Cottage  
Cheese  
Containers,  
Butter Tubs

**NO**  
Cereal Box  
Liners,  
\*\*Deli  
Containers,  
Snack  
Wraps



**HDPE**

**YES**  
Milk Jugs,  
Laundry  
Detergent  
Bottles, Hand  
Lotion  
Bottles

**NO**  
\*Plastic  
Grocery  
Bags



**PS**

**YES**  
Aspirin  
Bottles

**NO**  
\*\*Plastic  
Utensils,  
\*\*Foam  
Cups,  
\*\*Foam Egg  
Cartons



**PVC**

**YES**  
Salad  
Dressing  
Bottles,  
Vegetable  
Oil Bottles

**NO**  
Plastic  
Food Wrap



**OTHER**

**YES**  
Squeezable  
Condiment  
Bottles,  
Syrup and  
Jelly  
Bottles

**NO**



**LDPE**

**YES**  
Six-Pack  
Rings

**NO**  
Bread  
Bags, \*Dry  
Cleaning  
Bags

Division of Solid Waste Management  
Public Works Department  
City of Springfield, Missouri  
**Recycling Hotline 864-1904**



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