



Islamorada: How to Recycle Plastics

Residents and businesses in Islamorada are now able to recycle more plastic products. Plastic packaging and recycling codes are easily recognized. Please use the following information as a guide to help you identify what plastics can be recycled and will be collected by Veolia Environmental, the solid waste contractor for Islamorada. Responsible recycling means that the containers are rinsed and dry with the lids removed.



#1 - Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE) or (PET). Polyester is its nickname. **What can be recycled?** Soft drink and water bottles, beer bottles, mouthwash bottles, peanut butter and salad dressing and vegetable oil containers, ovenable film, and ovenable pre-prepared food trays.



#2 - High Density Polyethylene (HDPE). **What can be recycled?** Milk, water and juice containers, trash and retail bags, liquid detergent, bleach and shampoo bottles, yogurt and margarine tubs, cereal box liners.



#3 - Vinyl (Polyvinyl Chloride or PVC). **What can be recycled?** Clear food packaging, shampoo bottles, shower curtains, rain gear, spray bottles, some baby bottle nipples and containers holding window cleaner, detergent and cooking oil. There has been increasing concern over the potential toxicity of PVC...Please watch the media for developments.



#4 - Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE). **What can be recycled?** Squeezable bottles (e.g. honey, mustard), grocery, bread and shopping bags, and containers for bread and frozen food.



#5 - Polypropylene (PP). **What can be recycled?** Containers used in Tupperware and Rubbermaid type reusable food and drink containers, syrup and ketchup, yogurt containers and margarine tubs, medicine bottles and straws.