








## Recycling hieroglyphics revealed!

If you find the various plastic recycling logos confusing – you're not alone! – here is what those weird logos mean:

	<p><b>PETE or PET = Polyethylene Terephthalate.</b> Usually clear plastic found in cold drink water bottles, beer bottles, salad dressing bottles, mouthwash containers, peanut butter jars.  <b>Recycled</b> into tote bags, furniture, paneling, polar fleece.</p>
	<p><b>HDPE = High Density Polyethylene.</b> Usually opaque found in some milk jugs, household cleaners, juice bottles, shampoo bottles, cereal box liners, detergent bottles, butter tubs, toiletries.  <b>Recycled</b> into pens, recycling containers, picnic tables, lumber, benches, fencing, detergent bottles.</p>
	<p><b>V or VC or PVC = Vinyl.</b> Usually found in food wrap, plumbing, detergent bottles, (not collected for curb side recycling). May contain certain phthalates bad for health issues.  <b>Recycled</b> into paneling, flooring, speed bumps, decks, roadway gutters.</p>
	<p><b>LDPE = Low Density Polyethylene.</b> Usually found in squeezable bottles, shopping bags, Clothing, carpets, frozen food containers, bread wrappers. Considered to be safe.  <b>Recycled</b> into compost bins, paneling, trash can liners, floor tiles, shipping envelopes.</p>
	<p><b>PP = Polypropylene.</b> This is one of the safer plastics. Usually found in yoghurt containers, sauce bottles, syrup bottles, medicine containers.  <b>Recycled</b> into brooms, car battery cases, bins, pallets, signal light covers, ice scrapers, bicycle racks</p>
	<p><b>PS = POLYSTYRENE</b> which is <b>Styrofoam</b> and is difficult to recycle. It is therefore <b>BAD</b> for the environment as it can leach out <b>toxic chemicals when heated</b>. Most recycling programmes will not accept it. Found in compact disc cases, some egg cartons, meat trays, disposable plates and cups.  <b>Recycled</b> into egg cartons, foam packing, insulation.</p>
	<p><b>OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS</b> = Plastics which do not fit into the other six categories. It is a mixed bag which may include some toxic chemicals (BPA) linked to hormone disrupters causing infertility. Found in sun-glasses, IPOD cases, computer cases, nylon, 3-5 litre water bottles, bullet-proof material.  <b>Recycled</b> into plastic lumber and other custom-made products.</p>