

PLASTICS IN OUR LIVES

Listed below are the seven types of plastic with comments on their environmental effects and health concerns.

NUMBER 1 (PET or PETE)

GOOD!

Easily recycled!

No leaching!

Accepted as a good plastic!

Ex: Soft Drinks, Water, and Juice Bottles.

NUMBER 2 (HDPE)

GOOD!

No Leaching!

Easily recycled!

Widely accepted as eco-friendly!

Ex: Milk Jugs, Detergent, and Shampoo Bottles

NUMBER 3 (PVC)

BAD!!

Leaches TOXIC chemicals!

Puts chemicals into the air!

Isn't RECYCLE-ABLE!

Ex: Some Cling Wraps, Many Children's Toys, Fashion Accessories, Shower Curtains, Detergent, and Spray Bottles

NUMBER 4 (LDPE)

OKAY~

Doesn't Leach.

Is Recycle-able.

Isn't accepted as eco-friendly.

Ex: Plastic Shopping Bags, Some
Cling Wrap, Some Baby Bottles, and
Reusable Drink & Food Containers

NUMBER 5 (PP)

GOOD!

Doesn't leach!

Is Recycle-able!

Ex: Baby Bottles, Yogurt & Deli
Takeout Containers, Many Reusable
Food & Drink Containers

NUMBER 6 (PS)

BAD!!

Leaches neurotoxins!

Is BANNED in some cities!

NOT Recycle-able!!

Ex: Food Containers, Egg Containers,
and Some Plastic Utensils!

NUMBER 7 (EVERYTHING ELSE)

SUPER BAD!!!!

LEACHES hormones!

Can't be RECYCLED!

THE WORST PLASTIC!

Ex: Everything else!