

# PET recycling works. Let's do more, America!

PET (polyethylene terephthalate), easily identified by the 1 inside the triangle, is the most recycled of all plastics—ideal for food and beverage containers, carpeting, clothing, and more. And America has stepped up, recycling a whopping [1,962 million pounds](#) of PET bottles in 2023 alone. That's great for our environment, but currently, there isn't enough PET recovered in the US to meet the increasing demand among product manufacturers. Let's join together to recycle more and recycle right!

## The answer rests on our shelves and our shoulders.

PET plastic is strong, lightweight, shatterproof, and FDA-approved safe for food contact. These fully recyclable PET containers are in our homes, ready to meet demand and be remade into something new. The decision to recycle is in your hands. Look for PET packaging when you shop, and make recycling it part of your day.



- Water bottles
- Juice containers
- Soda bottles
- Salad dressings
- Cooking oils
- Pharmaceuticals
- Peanut butter
- Shampoos
- Conditioners
- Liquid hand soap
- Mouthwash

## Did you know?

If each student in a typical elementary school recycled just one PET bottle per day, that would be about 432 bottles. If this happened across the 52,000 elementary schools in the US over the entire school year, that would add up to 106 million pounds of recycled PET ready to be used in new products. This avoids CO<sub>2</sub> emissions equivalent to burning 7 million gallons of gasoline!

## How to recycle right.

Instead of mixing PET in with household trash that goes to landfills, take a moment to separate and recycle it. PET bottles and containers are accepted by nearly every recycling program nationwide. Join the PET movement to empower a greener, lower-carbon planet.

**Always recycle the 1!**



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