When it comes to recycling plastics, we all agree:
It is a great idea!

Be **R**esponsible and **R**ethink
Reduce, **R**euse and **R**ecycle

1 PET | 2 PE-HD | 3 PVC | 4 PE-LD | 5 PP | 6 PS | 7 OTHER

It is the right thing to do!

The Facts about PLASTICS

Start recycling at home in
4 easy steps

Recycle on your **doorstep**
Kerbside collection schemes - where each household separates recyclables from wet waste. If you don't have a recycling bag or bin, call your local municipality to check that you haven't been missing out.

Find out **what and where** you can recycle
Plastics can be recycled.
Make recycling part of your weekly supermarket trip and "drop when you shop" at supermarket recycling centres, schools or service stations.
Visit **www.mywaste.co.za** for your nearest drop-off site.

Sort your Waste
Find a handy place to store them. Encourage your household to consider whether items can be reused or recycled before they're thrown away.
TIP: Some things need to be washed before you put them out for recycling - use your old washing-up water to give them a quick rinse.

Do not let your plastics end their valuable life on a landfill.

How 2

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How 2 recycle Plastics

Plastics don't litter
People do!

You can help us make a **difference!**

Be responsible.
Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

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Recycling Plastics!

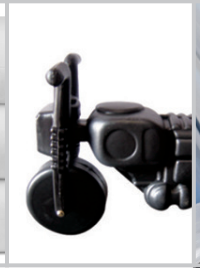
Recycling symbol

The recycling logo indicates that the product is 100% recyclable. Plastic is versatile, durable and recyclable. It can be reused without any risk to your health or the environment.

International Polymer Identification Code

International polymer identification code used on products to identify plastics and ensure effective plastic waste sorting and recycling.

Reduce | Reuse | Recycle

Polymer Code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	PET	PE-HD	PVC	PE-LD	PP	PS	OTHER
Product							
Recycled Into							

Increased tonnages RECYCLED

According to Plastics|SA annual surveys of the plastics recycling industry in South Africa, the recycling of plastics has shown a year on year increase in the total tonnage being converted since the 2009 survey.

By recycling plastics we **decrease the need for raw materials** and save energy

MORE THAN

5 million

PET BOTTLES

are recycled in SA everyday

an anticipated overall plastics packaging recycling rate of 35% by **2015**

76.7% of the plastics recycled in SA originated from PACKAGING

30% OF ALL **PACKAGING** MATERIAL IS RECYCLED

Almost 70% of all recyclables were sourced from post-consumer sources

An overall **plastics recycling** rate of **18.9%** was achieved in **2011**

The formal employment figure in the recycling industry increased by **5.2%** FROM 2010

Plastics recycling companies employ around **5000** PEOPLE

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT **40 950** informal jobs were created in the collection industry

Recycled plastics are gaining a reputation for being **strong, durable** and **versatile**

Did you Know?

11 coke bottles = **1** pair of trousers

11 recycled coke bottles make 1 pair of trousers

x 4000 =

4 000 2*l* milk bottles = **1** park bench

4 000 2l milk bottles make 1 park bench

41 clamshells = **1** photoframe

41 recycled polystyrene hamburger clamshells make 1 plastic picture frame

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