

PLASTICS Collection

Community Collector Tips & Tricks

All items must be clean and free of debris. Adhesive labels must be removed.

All items must be labeled with a resin code (sometimes resin codes are difficult to read).

#2 Bottles and jugs (HDPE)

#2 Tubs and lids (HDPE)

#4 Tubs, jugs, bottles & lids (LDPE)

#5 Tubs, jugs, bottles & lids (PP)

Beware of look a-likes! Some #1s look JUST like #2s, #4s or #5s!

Several product bottles that have typically been #2 or #5 in the past are showing up as a #1 resin (#1 are *not recyclable in this collection*). #2 tubs and #5 tubs are virtually indistinguishable. ***Always check the #number!***

Educate your community on proper preparation. Rejecting materials that are not prepared correctly is the best way to ensure people learn to collect materials for this collection. **All materials will be screened by Lane County staff, before they are accepted.** If materials are dirty or incorrectly sorted/prepared, *materials will be rejected and it will be the responsibility of the community collector to dispose of the material.*

Q. What about adhesive labels?

A. Paper and other plastic labels may require soaking. The best method is to apply a generous coating of old cooking oil to the label and let it sit overnight - by morning it's easy to remove and residual oil can be wiped away along with remaining adhesive. Try your best to remove all adhesive labels.



recycle it right!

when in doubt, find out or leave it out.

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Any tubs or jugs that have labels printed on (e.g., laundry detergent), do not need to be removed. Clear labels like those found on shampoo bottles need to be removed, so check carefully.

Q. What about Trays?

A. Trays are not accepted in this collection because most are #1 or #6. Lane County has made a commitment to collect materials dropped by the curbside programs. #1 and #6 were never part of our recycling program. However, there are a few #2, #4 or #5 trays showing up - if you encounter these, we will accept them in the appropriate numbered collection.

Q. How do I identify whether it's a bottle or a tub?

A. #2 tubs **must** be separated from #2 bottles. Bottles have a threaded lid and a seam line across the bottom. Tubs do not have a threaded top and generally have a dimple or circular "line" around the bottom, not a line.