

Recycling - what you can put in your yellow lid bin

In our current environment where people are encouraged to recycle as many household goods as they can in their recycle bins, it's timely to remind people that not all plastics which contain the plastic symbol (as shown in the table) can be recycled in kerbside waste.

In the City of Marion, all rigid plastics labelled from 1 – 6 can be put in the kerbside recycling bin, however lightweight polystyrene, such as that used in meat trays, packaging and hot drink cups, cannot be put in kerbside recycle bins.

Here's a quick guide to which plastics can and cannot be placed in your yellow lid recycling bin.



Symbol	Type of plastic	Characteristics	Items accepted in your kerbside collection	
	Polyethylene Terephthalate PET	Clear, tough, solvent resistant plastic, often used as a fibre.	Carbonated soft drink bottles, detergent bottles.	✓
	High Density Polyethylene HDPE	Very common plastic, usually white or coloured.	Milk and cream bottles, shampoo bottles, cleaners.	✓
	Polyvinyl Chloride PVC	Hard, rigid plastic, may be clear.	Clear cordial and juice bottles.	✓
	Low Density Polyethylene LDPE	Soft, flexible plastic - waxy surface.	Squeeze bottles.	✓
	Polypropylene PP	Hard but still flexible plastic.	Ice cream containers and lids, plastic hinged lunch boxes, plastic take away containers	✓
	Polystyrene PS	Clear, glassy, rigid, brittle plastic.	Yoghurt containers and margarine/ butter containers	✓
	Expanded Polystyrene EPS	Foamed, light weight, energy absorbing, heat insulating.		✗
	OTHER	Includes all other plastics, including acrylic and nylon.		✗

REMEMBER: No plastic bags, even those labelled as biodegradable or recycled, should be placed in your recycle bin. Ensure all items are placed loosely in the bin, not bundled together.

For additional information on recycling plastics in your yellow lid kerbside bin, contact Council on 8375 6600.