

The Rules of Recycling

<https://www.larimer.gov/solidwaste/recycling/no-nos>

We want #1's and #2's in NoCo – Most Likely to Be Recycled

<p>PET</p>  <p>Polyethylene Terephthalate</p> 	<p>Common Items: Water and pop bottles, some food packaging.</p> <p>Recyclable: Yes, most common and easily recycled plastic. All Dakota County haulers accept PET in your curbside bin.</p>
<p>HDPE</p>  <p>High Density Polyethylene</p> 	<p>Common Items: Milk jugs, detergent and cleaning bottles, hair care products.</p> <p>Recyclable: Yes, HDPE is relatively simple to recycle and a cost-effective process. All Dakota County haulers accept HDPE in your curbside bin.</p>
<p>PVC</p>  <p>Polyvinyl Chloride</p> 	<p>Common Items: PVC pipes, blister packs, children's and pets' toys, and clamshell containers.</p> <p>Recyclable: No, PVC contains numerous toxins and thus cannot be recycled. The exception to this rule is plastic clamshell containers as most Dakota county haulers now accept this material.</p>
<p>LDPE</p>  <p>Low Density Polyethylene</p> 	<p>Common Items: Shrink wraps, squeezable bottles, and grocery, bread, and frozen food bags.</p> <p>Recyclable: Depends on the item so check with your hauler. Items like plastic bags can be brought to drop-off locations like grocery stores to be recycled.</p>
<p>PP</p>  <p>Polypropylene</p> 	<p>Common Items: Yogurt containers, straws, margarine and liquid bottles, and medicine bottles.</p> <p>Recyclable: Depends on item so check with your hauler.</p>
<p>PS</p>  <p>Polystyrene</p> 	<p>Common Items: Styrofoam, CD cases, meat trays, and plastic cutlery.</p> <p>Recyclable: Generally no. Styrofoam is also extremely hazardous to the environment when thrown away, so it is best avoided if possible.</p>
<p>OTHER</p>  <p>Mixed/Miscellaneous</p> 	<p>Common Items: Sports water bottles, baby bottles, lids, and electronic parts.</p> <p>Recyclable: Usually not as it is such a broad category, but check with your hauler.</p>