

Plastics #2: HDPE High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE)

HDPE is a rigid plastic commonly used for many household and commercial containers and comes both clear and colored. Once recovered at the GreenWaste San Jose Material Recovery Facility, HDPE is transferred to recyclers to be turned into new products like the examples shared below.



Common Household Examples of HDPE:

- Beverage containers: milk, water, juice
- Cleaning product containers: laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners
- Cosmetics containers: shampoo, conditioner, facial wash
- Plastic milk jugs

Recyclables: Think Empty, Clean and Dry

To ensure the recyclables you put in your blue bin are recoverable, bottles and containers need to be empty and free of liquids, and paper must be clean and dry. When recyclables are wet or soiled, this affects the marketability of the recyclables, reducing their ability to be turned into new products. Follow these tips to ensure as much as possible gets recycled.



1. Pour out liquids



2. Scrape out food



3. Wipe out oily or sticky residue



2024 Town Clean-up Schedule:

Mark your calendars! Town Clean-up events will be held at 12345 El Monte Rd. (@ Foothill College, Lot 6) from 9-3PM on the following dates:

3/23
9-3 PM

7/27
9-3 PM

10/26
9-3 PM

Did You Know?

In 2022, GreenWaste diverted more than 1 million tons of material from our communities from disposal? Of that, our GreenWaste San Jose Materials Recovery Facility recovered more than 17,000 tons of plastics that were recycled into new products!

