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Know your Plastics



Plastic #1

PETE/PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate, aka Polyester) is a clear, tough plastic with strong gas and moisture barrier properties. Most beverage bottles are made of PET. PET has the highest recycling rate of any plastic, which is still only 31%. Most residential recycling program accept PET. Recycled PET can become new bottles, and also clothing and carpet.

- On average, a U.S. household uses 45 pounds of PET plastic bottles and jars in a year. If all of them were recycled, it could make 12 dozen men's T-shirts or enough carpet for a 12-by-15 foot room.
- Plastic bottles should not be reused.



Visit www.wastecapne.org for all the information you need for recycling in Nebraska.



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