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Not all plastics can be recycled in the same way or be recycled at all. Below are the plastic identification codes, product examples, and disposal options for each.

NUMBER	 PET	 HDPE	 PVC	 LDPE	 PP	 PS	 OTHER
RECYCLING CODE	Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE)	High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE)	Polypropylene (PP)	Polystyrene (PS)	Acrylic / Nylon / Fiberglass / Miscellaneous
PRODUCT EXAMPLES	Soft drink bottles Water bottles Beer bottles Peanut butter containers Salad dressing bottles Oven-ready cooking trays	Milk jugs Juice bottles Trash bags Cleaner bottles Butter & yogurt containers Cereal liners	Window cleaner bottles Detergent bottles Cooking oil bottles Clear food packaging	Squeezable bottles Bread bags Frozen food bags	Syrup bottles Ketchup bottles Straws	Disposable plates Disposable cups Meat trays Egg cartons Carry out containers	Five gallon water bottles Bulk food containers
DISPOSAL OPTIONS	 Recyclable by most commercial haulers	 Recyclable by most commercial haulers	 Not usually recyclable and is considered trash <small>Check with your commercial hauler</small>	 Recycling acceptability varies by state and vendor <small>Check with your commercial hauler</small>	 Recycling acceptability varies by state and vendor <small>Check with your commercial hauler</small>	 Not usually recyclable and is considered trash <small>Check with your commercial hauler</small>	 Not usually recyclable and is considered trash <small>Check with your commercial hauler</small>

Odds are, your foodservice operation uses plastic products from many of these code categories, which affects what your commercial disposal options are. To figure out the implication of plastic products usage on your presentation to the customer, as well as your program to dispose of these materials, have an Imperial Dade foodservice specialist guide you through.