

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Why Is Recycling Plastic So Confusing?

Determining which plastic items are and are not accepted for recycling is a common source of frustration for many people. Following the two quick rules of thumb below should help make deciding easier.

- 1. Ignore the recycling symbol on plastic items.** It may be hard to hear this, but the chasing arrows triangle with numbers in the middle doesn't indicate the product's actual recyclability. Each symbol and number only shows the general type of plastic used to make that product.



- 2. Ask yourself – “Is this plastic item a “Bottle, Jug, Jar, or Tub?”** If **Yes**, it is accepted. If **No**, don't put it in with your other recyclables.

For an updated list of accepted recyclables, visit gainesvillefl.gov/WhatCanBeRecycled. To search the Zero Waste Wizard for information on where you might be able to recycle other items, go to gainesvillefl.gov/WasteWizard.

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