

# WM's Position on Plastics Recycling

Learn what WM is doing to recycle more plastics and support markets for recycled materials.



## WM's Plastic Recycling Process for Curbside Plastics

How our plastic recycling process works for the materials that we pick up from your curb



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### Step 1

You put clean and dry plastic bottles, tubs, or jugs into your recycling container.

### Step 2

WM trucks empty curbside carts and transport materials to a recycling facility.

### Step 3

Recyclables are sorted and recyclable plastics get baled together. Materials that cannot be recycled are removed.

### Step 4

Plastic bales are shipped to manufacturing facilities in North America.

In response to concerns about plastic in the environment, WM is not shipping plastics collected on its residential recycling routes and processed in its recycling facilities to locations outside North America.

WM is an advocate for responsible management of recyclable materials through end of life. With this objective in mind, we are

Every day, WM works with recycling processors and domestic end markets for recyclable plastics - like bottles, tubs, jugs and jars - so that they can replace raw materials in the manufacturing process.

Here are some of the ways WM is investing in strategic relationships to continue making plastic recycling a reality.



## PCR

WM owns and operates a PCR (post-consumer resin) plant that recycles plastic film and shrink wrap. PCR pellets can then be used to make recycled flexible packaging, potentially creating a circular solution for these traditionally hard-to-recycle packaging streams.

## Recycling Carts

WM has worked with recycling and trash cart manufacturers in the U.S. to design a cart using at least 10% recycled High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) collected from WM customers. When WM purchases new carts we prioritize carts that include recycled materials, thus helping to close the loop for recycled materials.

## Plastic Bags

Some of WM's recent investments into recycling infrastructure include specialized technology that will allow recycling facilities to sort certain plastic films. One day, we hope to add this material to the mixed recycling stream, which will help our customers further reduce the waste sent to landfills.

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# See How WM is Collaborating on Plastics Recycling

WM can help customers reduce waste, increase recycling and progress their waste diversion goals.



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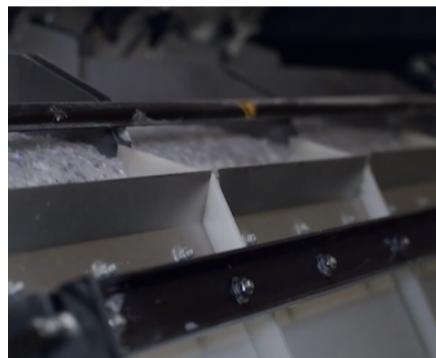
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Learn how WM collaborates with H-E-B, a large grocery store chain based in Texas, in an effort to be good stewards of our resources and environment.



# From Curb to Creation: Transforming your Plastics into New Products

The example below is just one of the ways recycled plastics can be transformed into feedstock used to create new products.



## Step 1

Recyclable plastic material is sorted and washed.

## Step 2

Recyclable plastic materials are melted, blended together, dried, and then chopped into plastic flake.

## Step 3

Plastic flakes are transformed into pellets of recycled plastic.

## Step 4

Plastic pellets can then be used in the manufacturing process and can be transformed into yarn or other plastic derived materials.

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## The New Lives of Old Plastics

Here's a small sample of the many ways recycled plastics can be repurposed.



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Water bottles can be recycled to live a second life.

Milk jugs can be repurposed into detergent containers.

Plastic material from water bottles can be spun into ~~your~~ clothing.



## Recycling Is Real

Wondering what everyday recyclables turn into after they're collected? Take a guess and answer all 3 questions to unlock the form and submit your entry.

### What does your cardboard packaging turn into?



Office Chair

Paper Towels

Kitchen Spatula

All of the Above

### What do plastic bottles & containers turn into?



Aluminum Foil

Cardboard Packaging

Furniture & Toys

All of the Above

### What does an aluminum can turn into?



A New Aluminum Can

Aluminum Foil

Metal Packaging

All of the Above

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\*\* Recyclable items vary by location. Check local programs to find out what is accepted for recycling in your area.

Visit [Recycle Right](#) to learn more about becoming a recycling expert in your community.



Does WM collect my plastic materials?

Why is recycling important? +

Can all plastics be recycled? +

Where do my recyclables go? +

I read the plastics recycling rate is 9% in the U.S. based on Environmental Protection Agency statistics. Should I keep recycling my plastics? +

How can I make a difference and reduce the impact of plastic on the environment? +

Does WM export my plastic recyclables? +

What is WM doing to increase its environmental impact with plastics recycling? +



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## Products & Services

- Residential Trash Collection & Recycling
- Commercial Waste Disposal & Recycling
- Roll-Off Dumpster Rental
- Bulk Trash Pickup
- Construction Waste Disposal
- Bagster® - Dumpster in a Bag®
- eWaste
- National Accounts
- Moving In?

## Customer Support

- Pay My Bill
- Billing & Invoice Help
- Manage My Account
- Log In to My WM
- Customer Support
- Request Extra Pickup
- Report Missed Pickup
- Frequently Asked Questions
- WM.com Security

## Quick Info

- Recycling 101
- Our Service Areas
- Drop-Off Locations
- Service Notifications
- 10 Yard Dumpster
- 20 Yard Dumpster
- 30 Yard Dumpster
- Holiday Schedule

## Our Company

- Who We Are
- Why WM?
- Media Room
- Compliance & Ethics
- WM Phoenix Open

## Work With Us

- Careers
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