



Recycling Symbols



This symbol indicates that the material is recyclable where facilities exist. It does not mean that the product is made from recycled material.

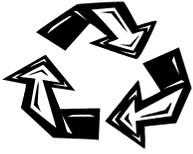


This mobius loop means that the container is made up of some recycled materials. When a percentage is indicated within the symbol, that percentage of the product has been made from recycled materials.

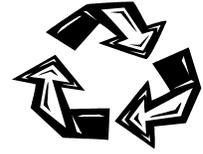
Plastic Recycling Symbols

 1 PET	Polyethylene Terephthalate	Typical Products	Recycled Products
		Soft drinks containers Peanut butter jars	Pillow stuffing
 2 HDPE	High Density Polyethylene	Milk or juice jugs Some yogurt containers Shampoo bottles	Blue Boxes Playground equipment
 3 PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride	Water bottles	Floor tiles Bubble wrap Traffic cones
 4 LDPE	Low Density Polyethylene	Bread and grocery bags	Plastic lumber Compost bins
 5 PP	Polypropylene	Syrup and ketchup bottles	Ice scrapers
 6 PS	Polystyrene	Foam cups	Egg cartons
 7 OTHER	Other	Safety glasses Automotive tail lights	Outdoor signs

To find out which numbers can be recycled in your area, call the Recycling Council of BC Hotline at 604-RECYCLE or 1-800-667-4321 or email hotline@rcbc.bc.ca.



History of the Mobius Loop



The environmental movement began in 1969 and early 1970, with the first Earth day being held in April 1970.

In response a container manufacturing company sponsored a contest called "for the love of the earth" for local art and design students.

Due to the simplicity and clarity of the symbol, and because anyone is free to use the recycling symbol, it has become widely used worldwide.

Gary Anderson won first prize for his symbol of a three-chasing-arrows, known as the mobius loop. The mobius loop was first discovered in the 19th century by German mathematician August Ferdinand Mobius.

The mobius loop symbol is public domain, and is not a trademark.

Mobius found that a strip of paper twisted once over and joined at the tips formed a continuous, single-edged, one-sided surface.

Mobius also discovered that the loop would remain twisted when the ends are connected if there are an odd number of twists in it (in this case 3).



For more information:

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