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	PET Polyethylene Terephthalate	Fizzy drinks Mineral water Squashes Cooking oils	 Recycling points are located throughout the UK
	HDPE High Density Polyethylene	Milk bottles Juice bottles Washing up liquid Bath and Shower bottles	 Recycling points are located throughout the UK
	Polyvinyl Chloride	Usually in bottle form however not that common these days	 Some recycling points in the UK
	LDPE Low Density Polyethylene	Many types of packaging are made from these materials for example, plastic formed around meats and vegetables	Due to the mixture of compounds these plastic types are hard to recycle and not generally recycled in the UK
	PP Polypropylene		
	PS Polystyrene		
	Other All other resins and multi-materials		

Please Note: PETE & PET are the same product, PETE was introduced in the U.S.A. because of a trademark dispute. The number within the recycled symbol is representative of the plastic type and not the number of times it can be re-used.
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