





Hi! Thanks for participating in the Plastic Project!

The Plastic Project is a meta-project that aims to:

- ♻️ Reuse waste plastic in large-scale public art installations
- ♻️ Increase community awareness of environmental issues surrounding plastic
- ♻️ Give the community an outlet to better recycle their disposable plastic
- ♻️ Recycle plastic **optimally** using the least amount of energy, creating the least amount of waste, and producing the highest quality recycled product

(For plastic this means recycling according to resin type **1-7** without mixing. When different plastics are combined during recycling they **phase-separate**, meaning the individual types don't mix, and the resulting blend is of extremely poor quality).

There are only **2** requirements for plastic waste to be eligible:

1) The plastic must be marked with a numeric recycling logo (///) and/or a letter code (**PET**/**PETE**/**HDPE**/**LDPE**/**PP**).

2) The plastic must be thoroughly cleaned. The best approach is to wash the plastic with your dishes (but not in the dishwasher!). Eligible plastic cannot have any residues like oils or detergents- since the plastic will be used in public art projects it can't be smelly or leaking goo. And it has to be clean to recycle. Plastic that is **not** impeccably clean will **not be used**.


Labels are ok!


A quick tip for hard-to-clean containers: use kitchen scissors to cut open the containers for cleaning. Make sure to keep the container in one piece (so one half isn't missing the recycling logo).



We need tonnes of plastic! The principal use will be in installations that focus on the huge scale of plastic waste (the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a good starting point for exploration), so we need absolutely gargantuan amounts! But it all has to be clean. One of the great and positive things about each public artwork will be that it is destined for recycling (unless a museum wants to buy it).

We are especially interested in small, odd-ball colours or shapes. Like fluorescent yellow dodecahedrons. These bits can be easily used in artwork without expending any additional energy.

So why aren't we accepting ,  or  ?

 **V/PVC** (vinyl) is an older plastic that is notoriously crummy for recycling. It's commonly found as **PVC** tubing and shower curtains. Please don't give us your old shower curtains. We may think of a really great use for them in the future, but for now, no.

 **PS** (polystyrene) is a lightweight plastic commonly used in coffee cup lids. **PS** quality is generally considered to be too low for recycling, and **PS** is too flimsy for the Plastic Project.

 **OTHER**. The name kind of says it all. Some very high quality plastics fall into this category, but unless the resin code is indicated (**PC**/**PLA**/**ABS**/**PETG**/etc), we have no way of knowing what the plastic is. If a  item is marked with a resin code other than **OTH**, well then, what the heck, we'll take it!

The Plastic Project is looking to foster a progressive plastic community through plasticproject.org. Our website lets you participate in Plastic Project initiatives, check out companies who support progressive plastic, monitor how much plastic we collect, and other fantastically edutaining stuff.

Thanks again from the Plastic Project team!