

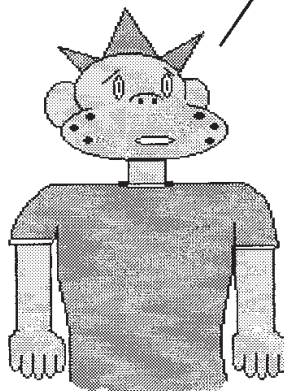
# Do You Recycle Your PET Bottles?



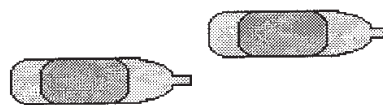
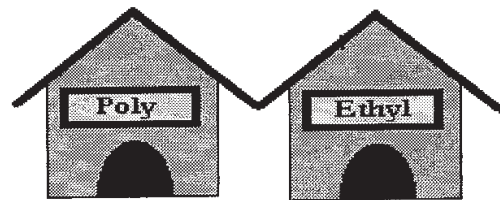
Recycling  
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## What Is PET?

*PET is an abbreviation for the chemical compound PolyEthylene Terephthalate. PET is also known around the world as the clear, tough packaging material that is used to make bottles for soft drinks, juices, water, and just about everything you could think of to drink. PET is a popular packaging material for both food and nonfood products because it is inexpensive, lightweight, resealable, shatter-resistant, and recyclable. In fact, PET, manufactured by Eastman, is the most commonly used recycled product.*



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## Why Is It Important to Recycle PET?

*Consider this: eighteen 20-oz bottles equal one pound of waste, and last year, the average American household threw out 34 pounds of PET bottles. PET is one of the most versatile materials on the planet and entirely recyclable. For example, recycled PET is used to insulate ski coats and sleeping bags. It can also be found in upholstery, clothing, roofing, automotive parts, luggage, athletic shoes, and new PET containers. More than 2.5 million PET bottles are consumed every hour in the United States. Recycling 1 ton of PET bottles saves 7.4 cubic yards of landfill space.*

## What can You Do To Help?

*Every little bit helps! Start by looking for bottles that are coded **PETE** or **1**. Imagine that you start by recycling one PET bottle every day. That may not seem like much but you will have saved more than 20 pounds of waste in a year. Now imagine that everyone in your school decides to recycle one bottle every day like you do!*

### Did You Know?

*The PET bottle was patented in 1972 by chemist Nathaniel Wyeth.*

## Want To Know More?

*The first PET bottle was recycled in 1977. Today, an estimated 8,000 curbside collection programs and 10,000 drop-off programs collect PET plastics in the United States.*

*The University of Tennessee's Good Sports Always Recycle program is the largest stadium recycling program in the nation. More than 50 tons of PET bottles have been recycled at the stadium through this program. To find out more, contact your local plastics recycling program. If you have additional questions, contact the American Plastics Council at 1-800-2-HELP-90.*



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