

## Common Recycling Symbols in the UK

There are many symbols on packaging. Below, we explain what some of them mean:



### The mobius loop

Three arrows chasing in a triangle – This product / packaging can be recycled










### The mobius loop with percentage

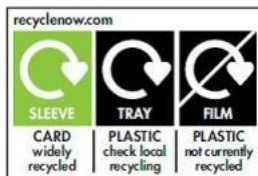
This contains x% of recycled material. This symbol is voluntary. Some goods contain recycled materials but do not carry this symbol.

## Simplified mobius loop with a number

There is an internationally agreed Resin Identification Code that helps us to work out what type of plastic something is made from.

	Polyethylene terephthalate – commonly used for fizzy drinks bottles		High-density polyethylene – commonly used for plastic bags and plastic bottles.
	Polyvinyl chloride – Commonly used for window frames and plumbing.		Low-density polyethylene – Commonly used for milk bottles
	Polypropylene – Commonly used for drinks cups		Polystyrene – Commonly used for drinks cups
	All other plastics		

## The On-Pack Recycling Label



The on-pack recycling label gives an indication of whether a product or its packaging is commonly recycled. While the UK has different standards in each Local Authority, this label is not very helpful.



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### Glass

This is reminder to place bottles in a recycling bin



### Aluminium

Recyclable



### Steel

Recyclable



### Tidyman

A reminder to put rubbish in a bin



### The Green Dot

The Green Dot indicates that in some European Countries, the manufacturer has contributed towards the cost of recycling the packaging



### Energy Label

A number of energy using products are required to have an energy assessment to allow consumers to choose the most efficient products. A rated is the best.



### EU Ecolabel

The EU Ecolabel logo makes it simple to know that a product or a service is both environmentally friendly and good quality.



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