

Plastics

make it possible!

- Plastics are made from petrochemicals, which come from fossil fuels...so don't waste them! Recycle them!
- Here at UVA we recycle ALL SYMBOLS of plastic!
Check the bottom of the item for the symbol.



- At UVA we also recycle plastic bags. Grocery store bags, Ziploc bags, they all go in the recycling!

Sad Facts (that you can fix!):

- Americans use 4 million plastic bottles an hour. Only 1 in 4 is recycled.
- In 2001, only 7% of plastic was recycled.
- Plastics make up 7-13% of household trash.
- Plastic bags and other plastic trash kill over a million sea creatures in a year.
- Last year, over 17.5 billion plastic bags were given away in supermarkets.

Happy Facts:

- The energy saved by recycling a plastic bottle will run a computer for 25 minutes.
- Ford motor company says that 75% of every vehicle is recyclable plastic.
- It only takes 25 2-liter bottles to make a fleece jacket.
- Plastic lumber, made from recycled plastic, holds nails and screws better than wood, is virtually maintenance free and lasts for 50 years.



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