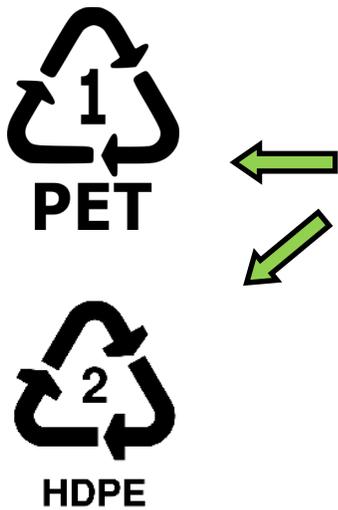


# Back to Basics

Effective January 1, 2020, Williamson County will be accepting plastics # 1 and # 2 only in the mixed plastic recycling bin at all county convenience centers and recycling drop-offs.



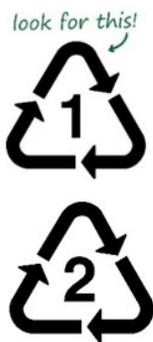
## Plastics # 1 & # 2 Only

To check if a plastic item is recyclable in Williamson County...  
**Look for the recycling symbol on the plastic item in question.**  
**There should be a # 1 or # 2 inside the symbol.**

- Includes mostly bottles and jugs
- Rinse First – Recycle items that are clean and mostly dry
- NO Plastics labeled # 3 - # 7
- NO Plastic Bags or Foam

## Why Plastics # 1 & # 2 Only?

The market for plastics # 3 - # 7 is no longer reliable. Williamson County strives to be as environmentally-friendly as possible, and this change will actually improve our county's plastic recycling outcome. With this initiative to go "Back to Basics", Williamson County will have a cleaner plastic recycling stream with less room for contamination.



#1 Plastics (recyclable):



#2 Plastics (recyclable):



Image Credit: City of Lexington, Virginia

# Less is More

## What is Contamination?

Contamination happens when the wrong items are put into the recycling bin. This can include food waste, garbage waste, or even recycling that is not properly rinsed or sorted.

**Contamination can ruin an entire recycling load.**

**When in Doubt, Throw it Out!**

**Only plastics marked with a**



**can be recycled**



Image Credit: Ruapehu District Council

## Remember the "3Rs"



Williamson Recycles

**BACK TO BASICS**  
**LESS IS MORE...**

**REDUCE**  
**REUSE**  
**RECYCLE**

**PLASTICS**  & 

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**R**educe your waste.

When we practice Waste Reduction, we simply create less waste... or in other terms we use less stuff. This is the best way to conserve our planet's resources.

**R**euse what you already own.

Getting into the practice of bringing reusable totes to the grocery store and washable drinking cups for on-the-go can make a big impact and cut out our dependence on single-use plastic water bottles and plastic bags.

**R**ecycle plastics 1 & 2 only in the mixed plastic bin.

By going "Back to Basics" and utilizing the 3Rs—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle—We can create a cleaner, greener, more environmentally-friendly Williamson County. It is up to each of us to keep Williamson beautiful.

Learn more at [www.WilliamsonRecycles.org](http://www.WilliamsonRecycles.org).

