

Keep Salem Beautiful has recently been notified that Centralia Clean and Green will only be accepting plastics that are labeled as Number 1 and 2, effective immediately. No more plastic bags will be accepted.

Plastic products are commonly marked with a number, 1-7, enclosed by the recycling symbol, found on the bottom of the product.

Examples of Plastic Number 1 are: water, juice, soft drinks, salad dressings, peanut butter, and mouth wash bottles.

Examples of Plastic Number 2 are: milk jugs, detergent bottles, and shampoo bottles.

Items not accepted at the KSB recycling trailer will be labeled as 3-7 inside the recycling symbol.

Among the unacceptable items labeled Number 3: shower curtains, cling wrap, pool toys, cooking oil bottles, windows, piping, inflatable structures, inflatable air mattresses, baby toys, pool toys, and bath toys.

Unacceptable items labeled Number 4 are: plastic shopping bags, bread bags, squeezable bottles, frozen food bags, some packaging materials.

Unacceptable items labeled Number 5 include: yogurt, margarine tubs, all fast food plastic cups, medicine bottles, baby bottles, kitchen ware, microwaveable plastic containers and lids.

Items that are examples of Number 6 are: any form of styrofoam, egg cartons, meat trays, disposable cutlery, foam cups, CD and DVD cases. These are not accepted.

Items that are examples of Number 7 are: non-petroleum based plastics, electrical wiring, baby bottles, 3- and 5-gallon reusable bottles, computer cases, sunglasses, I-pad cases.

Americans discard 33 million tons of plastics each year, but only 6 million can be recycled.

We appreciate your cooperation at the Recycling Bin. This is important in order to continue our recycling program.

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