

SUMMARY: PLASTIC ITEM RECYCLABILITY IN CALIFORNIA				
Item	Value Market	Collection & Diversion at 75 CA MRFs	Processing Capacity	Recyclable in CA?
PET #1 Bottles	10-11 cents/lb	High: 100% Acceptance	High: 72% Processing	YES 
HDPE #2 Bottles & Jugs	28-30 cents/lb Natural 9-7 cents/lb Color	High: 100% Acceptance	Moderate: 42% Processing	YES 
PET #1 Clamshells	Not Available	Low: 18% Acceptance	Negligible Processing	NO 
#2-7 Plastic Bags	Negligible: 1 cents/lb	Very Low: 7% HRF Acceptance, Takeback Bins for "Store Dropoff" No Longer Required in CA & Very Few Stores Have Bins	Negligible Processing	NO 
PP #5 Tubs	Negative: -2 to 1 cents/lb Mixed Plastics #3-7 Bale	Moderate: 63% Acceptance as Part of Mixed Plastics #3-7 Bale	Negligible Processing	NO 
Polystyrene #6 Foam Food Service Packaging	Not Available	Very Low: 9% Acceptance	No Processing	NO 
Plastic Cups (typically PP#5 & PS#6)	Negative: -2 to 1 cents/lb Mixed Plastics #3-7 Bale	Low: 12% Acceptance	Negligible Processing	NO 
Plastic Plates (typically PP#5 & PS#6)	Negative: -2 to 1 cents/lb Mixed Plastics #3-7 Bale	Very Low: 7% Acceptance	Negligible Processing	NO 
Plastic Trays (typically PP#5 & PS#6)	Negative: -2 to 1 cents/lb Mixed Plastics #3-7 Bale	Low: 21% Acceptance	Negligible Processing	NO 
Plastic Cutlery, Straws & Stirrers (typically PP#5 & PS#6)	Negative: -2 to 1 cents/lb Mixed Plastics #3-7 Bale	Negligible: 4% Acceptance	No Processing	NO 
Plastic Food & Mailing Pouches, Wraps, Films (typically PE #2, #4 or PP#5)	Negligible: 1 cents/lb	No HRF Acceptance, Takeback Bins for "Store Dropoff" No Longer Required in CA & Very Few Stores Have Bins	No Processing	NO 
Plastic Coffee Pods (typically PP#5 & PS#6)	Negative: -2 to 1 cents/lb Mixed Plastics #3-7 Bale	No Acceptance	No Processing	NO 

Source: [The Last Beach Cleanup: California Plastic Waste & Recycling Survey \(July 20, 2020\)](#)