
#### Top Plastic Pollution Items: Acceptance (No Assurance of Recycling)

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#### Data Sources & References:

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2. 2018/2019 Centralized Study on Availability of Plastic Recycling
3. Waste Dive: How Recycling Has Changed in All 50 States
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5. New South American MRF List
6. Largest 75 North American MRF List

#### Access to Collection for Recycling Estimation

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#### Survey Information & Use

**Objective:** This survey was performed in October to December 2019 and reviewed in January 2020 by two registered professional chemical engineers and a recycling industry expert. The technical persons involved have no conflicts of interest related to U.S. plastic recycling that would influence the assessment or results. The information was based on public sources and candidacy claims by the MRF owners. Percentages of access to recycling for plastic products is estimated to calculate total plastic recycling available via recycling.

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