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The chart below gives examples of the 3 most common types of plastic bottles - PET, HDPE and PVC.

Polymer type	Bottle description	Code	Image	Exclusions
Clear PET	Fizzy drinks Clear mineral water Clear mineral water bottles with a blue tint Squashes Cooking oils			No strong coloured PET e.g. green, dark blue and brown No other polymer type Standard exclusions
Coloured PET	Light green Dark green Dark blue Red Silver Any other colours			No brown PET No other polymer type Standard exclusions
HDPE Natural	Milk bottles Non-coloured fresh fruit juice			No HDPE coloured No other polymer type Standard exclusions
HDPE Coloured	Dark washing up liquid Detergents Fabric conditioners Bleach and household cleaning fluids Hair care Bath & shower bottles			No other polymer type Standard exclusions
HDPE Mixed	HDPE Natural mixed with HDPE Coloured			No other polymer type Standard exclusions
PVC	Clear PVC Coloured PVC			No other polymer type Standard exclusions
Mixed Bottles	All polymer types of plastic bottles mixed together Brown PET bottles	NO SPECIFIC SYMBOL FOR MIXED BOTTLES		Standard exclusions

