

Recycling Foodserviceware



Recycling Quick Guide



Why Recycle Foodservice Packaging?

There are many reasons to make the case for why recycling is important and beneficial.

Save resources: When materials are tossed in the trash it can be a waste of valuable resources. Recycling conserves resources and prevents pollution by reducing the need for extracting, refining and processing raw materials. Recycling gives items a second life when they're used to produce new products.

Reduce environmental impact: Recycling saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and diverts waste from landfills.

Reduce costs: You may save money in disposal costs by recycling. In many cases, recycling services cost less than trash services.

Comply with laws: Recycling of foodservice packaging may be required in your state or municipality. Using recyclable foodservice packaging and implementing in-store recycling programs can help you become compliant.

Gain customer appreciation: Increasingly, consumers support businesses with “environmentally-friendly” practices. Demonstrate your commitment to the environment and increase brand loyalty by using recyclable foodservice packaging. Giving customers the opportunity to recycle their waste in your establishment can increase customer appreciation and satisfaction.

Become Part of the Circular Economy

Recycling products helps keep them out of landfills and reduces the potential for materials to become litter or marine debris. Using products made with post-consumer recycled materials reduces both fossil fuel-based material usage and greenhouse gas generation.

Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR) Recycling Demand Champion

Recycling won't occur without consistent, reliable demand for recycled materials. Fabri-Kal is committed to advancing the market for post-consumer recycled plastics as an [APR Recycling Demand Champion](#).



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What does the term “recyclable” mean?

Per the Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR), an item is considered widely recyclable when: a) Recycling facilities for a product are available to at least 60% of consumers or communities; b) It can be sorted and cleaned by the existing recycling infrastructure; and c) It can be manufactured into a new product.

What is post-consumer recycled (PCR) plastic?

Post-consumer recycled (PCR) plastic is material that has been recycled after it has been used and collected following its intended use by consumers. PCR plastics may be generated by households or commercial establishments. Be sure to look for a minimum percentage of recycled content in marketing claims.

How is PCR plastic beneficial?

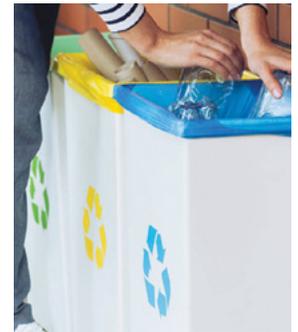
Post-consumer recycled (PCR) material is created from bottles and other plastics that have been diverted from the solid waste stream. PCR plastics provide an additional use for products that have completed their intended life, strengthening the circular economy. Using PCR material reduces both fossil fuel-based material usage and greenhouse gas generation. This conserves resources, prevents pollution and reduces the overall environmental impact of a product.

What is post-industrial recycled plastic?

Post-industrial (pre-consumer) recycled material is waste generated and reused in the manufacturing process. It is a normal part of most manufacturing processes. It is important to look for the distinction between pre-consumer and post-consumer in recycled content marketing claims.

What are Fabri-Kal’s Recycleware™ products made from?

Recycleware Round Deli, Square Deli and On-The-Go Boxes are made with a minimum of 50% post-consumer recycled PET plastic bottles. Recycleware Dessert Containers are made with a minimum of 20% post-consumer recycled PET plastic bottles.



What does the number inside the triangular symbol on plastic products mean?

Serving the needs of manufacturers, recyclers and other stakeholders, [ASTM D7611-13](#) governs the Resin Identification Code (RIC) system, a foundational tool for managing the end-of-life of plastics materials. The RIC identifies plastic resin used in a manufactured product. The RIC symbol utilizes a solid equilateral triangle symbol surrounding a numeral from 1 to 7 that identifies the resin type used in a product. The RIC is not to be confused with the recyclability of a product.

Are products made with PCR material recyclable?

Products made with post-consumer recycled content are recyclable in the communities that accept these products. The Association of Plastic Recyclers encourages the use of PCR material in all packages to the maximum amount technically and economically feasible.

What Fabri-Kal products are recyclable?

Fabri-Kal foodservice packaging is recyclable in the communities that have appropriate recycling programs. Please visit [Our Products](#) to learn more about our product lines and their respective recyclability.