



# RECYCLING ALERT!!!!

## As of June 1st, 2018, the City of Flagstaff made a significant change to its plastic recycling program:

**Arizona Daily Sun:** Flagstaff's curbside plastic recycling will see significant change beginning **Friday, June 1**. Residents, who were previously permitted to recycle all numbers (1-7), will now be able to **recycle only numbers 1 and 2**, a classification that **includes plastic bottles and jugs**.

According to the City of Flagstaff, the change is the result of the national and international recycling market where the Chinese government no longer accepts certain types of recyclables as imports. Norton Environmental, who sorts and sells Flagstaff recyclables has been unable to find buyers, according to the City.

To learn more about the specific types of plastics that can and cannot be recycled, visit [www.flagstaff.az.gov/plasticrecycling](http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/plasticrecycling).

### City of Flagstaff:

**Sort your plastic by shape, not by number:** Knowing what types of plastic can be recycled is difficult and you may be wondering "what numbers can I recycle?" Don't. The numbers you see on plastics, often in a triangle of chasing arrows, do not mean anything when it comes to what goes in your home recycling bin. Those numbers are typically used by the industry to indicate what type of plastic it is, not whether it is part of a local recycling program. Ignore the numbers and the chasing arrows symbols. Instead, **sort by shape**.

*These items are recyclable, just make sure they're empty and clean:*

**Plastic bottles, jugs, and jars:** This includes milk jugs, peanut butter jars, beverage bottles, as well as cleaning and other toiletry bottles (shampoo, laundry soap, etc.).

### Do not include these items in your recycling bin:

**Plastic bags and film packaging** can be recycled, just not at the curb. Bring them back to the grocery store so that they are kept out of the processing facilities where they get caught in machinery and litter our valued natural areas.

**Trays** from microwaveable meals, deli products, prepackaged meals and snacks. Take-out, deli or other food containers, including clamshell-type containers, boxes, bowls, etc.

**Styrofoam** or other foam products (cups, meat trays, egg cartons, packaging foam, packing peanuts, etc.)

**Plastic, or plastic-coated beverage cups, straws, and lids.**

**Other plastic packaging that doesn't conform** to bottle jar or jug shapes, such as blister packaging, clamshell or film (stretch or shrink wrap, bubble wrap and bags).