

The new instructions



Empty and replace cap

Fruit juice bottles



Recycle if clean and dry

Specific to microwaveable meals – usually PP



Replace cap

Glass bottles or containers



Separate lidding

Containers for ready meals – the film could be multilayer PE and not PP



Separate plastic film wrap

Boxes of chocolates wrapped in plastic



Separate shrink sleeve

The full-body labels on plastic bottles



Separate pump

Household cleaners with pump-action nozzles



Separate plastic window

Gift boxes with a plastic window; such packaging needs to state that the box is recycled and the window not



Rinse before recycling

Recyclable containers such as yoghurt tubs



Flatten and replace cap

Liquid carton packaging such as Tetrapak and Nampak, used for long-life milk, fruit juice and so on, are collected nationally and are only recycled at Mpact in Springs, Gauteng



Empty contents and reattach closure

Oil-based contents are currently sent to landfill, so there's no need to wash cooking oil or peanut butter containers, for example. However, PP closures are recycled in practice, so if a closure is made of PP and marked "recycle", separate the closure from the jar.

Find out more

The SA Plastics Pact

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South African Plastics Recycling Organisation (SAPRO)

SAPRO represents the country's plastics recyclers or reprocessors that procure sorted, baled end-of-life plastics and reprocess them into raw material that can be used to manufacture new plastic products. Click on "Consumers" at the top of the homepage and then on "Where to recycle" for a countrywide list of recyclers that are SAPRO members.

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My Waste

Are you wondering how and where to get rid of everything from outdated audio equipment to used paint cans and old car batteries? My Waste is a wonderful database with a wealth of (countrywide) information that enables people to contribute actively to sustainability. mywaste.co

WastePlan

This private company provides on-site recycling and waste management services to health-care providers, the food-and-beverage industry, universities, shopping centres, office parks, distribution centres, and hospitality and manufacturing sites. It also manages the waste-sorting facility we

visited as guests of the WWF. Visit the website for various resources and inspiring stories.

wasteplan.co.za

Ellen MacArthur Foundation

South Africa has joined a growing number of countries – including Chile, France, the Netherlands and the UK – in the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's global Plastics Pact network. This platform for exchanging learning and best practices with plastics pacts in other countries will help to accelerate the transition to a circular economy for plastic. Visit the website and download the free guide "Reuse: Rethinking Packaging" on ellenmacarthurfoundation.org (click on "Resources" and then on "Publications").