

How Plastic Is Recycled

Do you ever wonder how plastic is recycled? Now you can see how it's done!



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People put plastic into recycling bins.



Left image: Construction Photography/Corbis; Right image: Getty/Newscom

Workers take the plastic to a recycling plant. The plastic is washed, chopped, and dried. Then the pieces are heated until they melt. The melted plastic is pressed through a screen. Finally, the plastic is cooled in water.



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Companies use the plastic to make new products, such as these backpacks.

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1. Look at the first paragraph. What can be recycled?
2. People put plastic into bins. Where do workers take the plastic?
3. What is one thing that happens to plastic at a factory?
4. What is this passage mostly about?
5. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Plastic at the factory gets hot, _____ it is put into water to cool.

- A. but
- B. because
- C. so

6. Use the following vocabulary word in a sentence: **recycle**.