

RECYCLABLE OF THE MONTH:

May 2022

Plastic 201
= Rigid



ITEMS: Rigid Plastics - larger items

WHAT IS RIGID?

Plastic products & packaging made from #2 HDPE and #5 PP.
Plastic products that are NOT flexible, UNABLE to bend.

EX: Note: we are focusing on larger “Rigid” items this month...
Large bulky plastic items: lawn chairs, buckets, various children’s toys etc. Laundry/dish detergent containers (pods).

HOW TO RECYCLE: Place these items in the RIGID PLASTIC Bin located on the Recycling Wall at RDF. Download our new APP - “Wellesley RDF” to search for specific products!

RECYCLING FACTS:

- 350 million pounds of rigid plastics are generated/utilized in-store annually by 35,000+ conventional U.S. supermarkets.
- Large rigid containers are widely used in the bakery, deli, seafood and pharmacy departments at grocers and retailers to deliver a wide array of foods, products, and medicine that we rely on every day.
- Rigid plastics packaging made from #2 HDPE (High Density Poly Ethylene) and #5 PP (Poly Propylene) - as specified above - enables 100% recycling of those packaging materials!
- Today there is a big shift in the packaging industry as many Brands are in all markets are ditching rigid containers—and packaging their products in flexible packaging such as stand-up pouches.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Try to buy less plastic, & recycle it whenever you can!
- Look for & switch: buy products in stand-up pouches.

2021 was the 50th Anniversary of Wellesley’s Recycling programs! **It’s 2022 - help us do more!**



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