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Know your Plastics



Plastic #4

LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene) is usually found in films due to its tough and flexible properties. It's the kind of transparent plastic you'll find in things like shrink wrap, produce bags, and squeezable ketchup bottles. Currently, most LDPE ends up in landfills, with a recycling rate around 5% in the US. When recycled, it can end up as compost and garbage bins, film plastics, furniture, plastic lumber, and shipping envelopes.

- LDPE has the highest greenhouse gas savings of any plastic when recycled.
- More community recycling programs are beginning to accept #4.
- The best way to reduce packaging waste is to buy items with minimal or no packaging. Bring your own mesh or fabric tote to get your produce and fresh baked bread.



Visit www.wastecapne.org for all the information you need for recycling in Nebraska.