



Recycle Plastic **BOTTLES** Only
NO Yogurt Tubs
NO Cottage Cheese or Margarine Tubs
NO Plastic Cups

Even though your recycle truck driver may take them...**plastic tubs are not recyclable** at the curb with other recyclable containers. Once the material gets back to the West Van Materials Recovery Center, our staff has to pull out all the plastic tubs and throw them in the trash.

There are thousands of recipes that make up plastic containers, but only seven numbers to represent them all. So, even though plastic tubs and plastic bottles may have the same number and recycle symbol on their bottoms, the plastics are in fact very different. This means that a #2 yogurt tub and a #2 milk jug **can not** be recycled together; they have different melting temperatures and different chemical properties.

Yes, tubs are recycled in some areas where there are strong markets (a manufacturer who re-processes them into new products). Strong markets for tubs do not exist in our area, so for now recycle **BOTTLES ONLY!**

Remember to **Check the Neck** ~ Recyclable bottles have a neck with threads to accept a screw top lid, and the neck is smaller than the base of the container.

Although we cannot recycle margarine tubs and plastic flower pots at the curb, there occasional plastics collection events where they can be recycled. Watch for announcements in the Columbian and the Oregonian; on the city, county and Waste Connections websites and in your neighborhood newsletter. The material is collected and processed by Agri-Plas, a small plastics recycler located near Salem.

See the Brown Pages for additional information: If you received a Clark County Qwest Dex phone book, then you have a wealth of recycling, yard debris and garbage information at your fingertips. Check out the Brown Pages, (right behind the green Community pages in the front of the book) and you will find the answers to your solid waste questions. You can get up to date information from the local WCI website at www.wcnorthwest.com.

