

# Rumpke is Expanding the Acceptable Recycling Items List!



Rumpke Waste & Recycling customers can fill their recycling carts with even more material. Effective immediately, Rumpke is adding tubs to the acceptable items list!

## WHY NOW?

As a Recycling Leader, Rumpke is constantly working with partners to develop solutions for expanded recycling opportunities. Recently, there have been innovations in plastic recycling that have allowed Rumpke to secure long-term partners for the specific plastic that makes up tubs and yogurt containers. Securing long-term partners, or end users, is a vital part of Rumpke's operation.

## WHAT ARE END USERS?

It's important to note that Rumpke is a recycling processor, not an end user. This means Rumpke collects and sorts recyclable material, but the material is ultimately shipped to an end user. End users are companies that take the sorted materials and turn them into products. Companies such as Envision, Pure Cycle and St. Joseph Plastics are just some of Rumpke's partners that accept tubs and yogurt containers collected in Rumpke's recycling plants.

## WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Rumpke's recycling program includes glass bottles and jars, metal cans, cartons, cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, jugs and now...TUBS! What kind of tubs can you recycle? Here are examples of acceptable tubs:

### Tubs:

- Whipped topping
- Butter
- Cottage cheese
- Specialty dips
- Sour cream
- Yogurt containers of any kind
- Jelly and pudding snacks
- Fruit cups (think apple sauce or diced peaches)



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### Are all #5 polypropylene plastics accepted?

No. At this time, Rumpke is only adding polypropylene tubs to its acceptable items list.

### What do we do with the lids to these containers?

Like with bottles and jugs, Rumpke will accept the lids to tubs. Please place lid on empty container.

### Do these containers need to be prepared a certain way?

Like with other items accepted in Rumpke's recycling program, tubs should be empty, clean and dry. These items should be placed in recycling containers loose.

### How clean do tubs need to be?

Items don't need to be washed, but please rinse.

### Can I nestle the tubs together?

To ensure the tubs are recovered in the recycling process, they need to be loose. Please don't place containers inside of other containers.

### What do the tubs become when recycled?

Rumpke has established several long-term end markets for the plastic tubs. The vast majority are located in the Midwest. TubS will be recycled into new containers.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The recycling symbol on the bottom of a plastic product does not necessarily indicate that the item can be recycled. That number surrounded by chasing arrows is a resin identification code and tells users what kind of plastic they're holding. Plastic items such as clam shells, to-go containers and coffee pods are not accepted in Rumpke's program.



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