



# END MARKETS WANT YOUR POLYPROPYLENE



Markets for postconsumer polypropylene (PP) are on the rise. As manufacturers have incorporated recycled PP into a variety of products and packages, their increased demand has created a robust, stable market for PP. Buyers are also actively seeking bales of sorted PP.

According to a survey compiled by the Association of Plastic Recyclers, the total annual demand reported by 21 companies exceeds 280 million pounds for non-food grade applications, and a billion pounds if food grade is included.

## POSTCONSUMER PP BALE PRICING (NATIONAL AVG)



Source: RRS

## What is PP?

Polypropylene, marked with the #5, is used to make cups, clamshells, yogurt containers, beverage jugs and other common consumer packaging.

## Where is PP accepted for recycling?

Nearly two-thirds of the U.S. population has access to recycling for polypropylene items. [Click here](#) to see where PP is accepted in recycling programs.



## How can I recover PP?

Communities and MRF operators can recover PP in two ways: 1) as mixed plastic bales, sometimes known as a #3-#7 bale, or 2) as a positively-sorted PP bale. There are multiple U.S. markets for both types of bales. Which market channel is right for you depends on your operational conditions. For a list of markets for mixed plastics and PP, visit [www.recyclefsp.org/end-markets](http://www.recyclefsp.org/end-markets).

## What happens to PP that is recycled?

Recycled polypropylene is a versatile resin that can be used in a variety of industries, processes and applications. It can be made into everything including automotive parts, caps/closures, cups, cutlery, houseware totes, etc. Producers have made commitments to use recycled polypropylene in their products and are working hard to meet them.

For more on markets for PP foodservice items and adding them to your program, visit [recycleFSP.org](http://recycleFSP.org).

For more on PP recycling, including buyer listings, visit [plasticsrecycling.org](http://plasticsrecycling.org).