

Update to Covered Material Categories (CMCs)

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Public Resources Code (PRC) section 42061(a)(1) required CalRecycle to establish and post a list of material categories covered by the [Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act](#) (Senate Bill (SB) 54, Allen, Chapter, 75, Statutes of 2022) (the Act) by July 1, 2024. As defined in PRC section 42041(f), covered material categories (CMCs) are categories that include covered material of a similar type and form, as determined by the department.

This document provides an update of CMCs relative to the December 31, 2024, version, and does not include an update to determinations of recyclability or compostability. CalRecycle updates the recyclability and compostability determinations annually to meet requirements of PRC section 42061(e).

The table in this document is an updated list of 95 CMCs. A summary of changes made since the prior publication is provided at the end of the document in the section titled [“Changes since December 2024 published CMC list.”](#)

Each CMC identifies a combination of material type and form that describes covered materials. The categories are intended to apply to each detachable component of covered material individually. For items composed of multiple, nondetachable components, “Material Class” and “Material Type” refer to the material constituting the greatest percentage of an item’s weight. Forms indicating “with a plastic component” refer to items that contain plastic but for which plastic is not the material constituting the greatest percentage of the item’s weight.

The first through fourth columns of the table describe the covered material in each category.

- The **first column** of the table lists a category identification code (category ID) associated with each CMC.
 - Each category ID starts with a number that references the year of publication of the CMC List. For example, the “25” in category “25_M1N” refers to the September 2, 2025, CMC update.
 - Each category ID has one or two letters that indicate the Material Class of the CMC:
 - G = Glass
 - C = Ceramic
 - M = Metal
 - PF = Paper and Fiber
 - P = Plastic
 - WO = Wood and Other Organic Materials
 - Category IDs ending with “N” indicate the category is for material **without** a plastic component.

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- Category IDs ending with “P” indicate the category is for material **with** a plastic component.
- An asterisk (*) indicates the category has changed since the last published list of CMCs (since December 31, 2024, publication).
- Note: When a CMC changes, it is assigned a new category ID, and its previous category ID is retired. As a result, the category IDs may not be in numerical order.
- The **second column** describes the dominant Material Class of the item of covered material – Ceramic, Glass, Metal, Paper and Fiber, Plastic, or Wood and Other Organic Materials.
- The **third column** describes the dominant Material Type of the item of covered material. Material Types are specific to each Material Class.
- The **fourth column** describes the Form of the covered materials included in that CMC, including whether that covered material includes a plastic component.
 - If a Material Form is named “**All Forms**,” then that category includes all forms of covered material within a Material Type.
 - If a Material Form includes the term “**Other**,” then that category includes all forms of a Material Type that do not belong in any other specific category for a form of that Material Type. Innovations that constitute new forms would fall within “Other Forms” categories.

For a more detailed description of CMCs, in addition to guidance on how to categorize covered material into specific CMCs, refer to the most recent CMC Producer Reporting guidance document found on [CalRecycle’s Covered Material Categories List webpage](#). For more information about the Act, including the latest information on the development of regulations, visit the [Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act \(SB 54\) webpage](#) and sign up for the [listserv](#), which will keep you updated on any new information regarding progress.

Abbreviations and Acronym List

- CalRecycle: California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
- CMC: Covered Material Category
- HDPE: High-Density Polyethylene
- LDPE: Low-Density Polyethylene
- OCC: Old Corrugated Cardboard
- PET: Polyethylene Terephthalate
- PP: Polypropylene
- PRC: Public Resources Code (California Statute)
- PS: Polystyrene
- PVC: Polyvinyl Chloride

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Covered Material Categories (as updated September 2, 2025)

| Category ID | Material Class | Material Type | Form |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| 25_G1N | Glass | Glass | Bottles and Jars w/o plastic component |
| 25_G1P | Glass | Glass | Bottle and Jars w/ plastic component |
| 25_G2N | Glass | Glass | Other Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_G2P | Glass | Glass | Other Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_G3N | Glass | Glass | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/o plastic component |
| 25_G3P | Glass | Glass | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/ plastic component |
| 25_C1N | Ceramic | Ceramic | All Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_C1P | Ceramic | Ceramic | All Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_C2N | Ceramic | Ceramic | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/o plastic component |
| 25_C2P | Ceramic | Ceramic | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/ plastic component |
| 25_M1N | Metal | Aluminum | Non-aerosol Container w/o plastic component |
| 25_M1P | Metal | Aluminum | Non-aerosol Container w/ plastic component |
| 25_M2N | Metal | Aluminum | Foil Sheets w/o plastic component |
| 25_M2P | Metal | Aluminum | Foil Sheets w/ plastic component |
| 25_M3N | Metal | Aluminum | Foil Molded Containers w/o plastic component |
| 25_M3P | Metal | Aluminum | Foil Molded Containers w/ plastic component |

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| Category ID | Material Class | Material Type | Form |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| 25_M4P | Metal | Aluminum | Aerosol Can w/ plastic component |
| 25_M5N | Metal | Aluminum | Other Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_M5P | Metal | Aluminum | Other Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_M6N | Metal | Tin/Steel/Bimetal | Non-aerosol Container w/o plastic component |
| 25_M6P | Metal | Tin/Steel/Bimetal | Non-aerosol Container w/ plastic component |
| 25_M7P | Metal | Tin/Steel/Bimetal | Aerosol Can w/ plastic component |
| 25_M8N | Metal | Tin/Steel/Bimetal | Other Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_M8P | Metal | Tin/Steel/Bimetal | Other Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_M9N | Metal | Other Nonferrous | All Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_M9P | Metal | Other Nonferrous | All Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_M10N | Metal | Other Ferrous | All Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_M10P | Metal | Other Ferrous | All Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_M12N | Metal | Metal | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/o plastic component |
| 25_M12P | Metal | Metal | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/ plastic component |
| 25_PF1N | Paper and Fiber | Kraft Paper | All Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_PF1P | Paper and Fiber | Kraft Paper | All Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_PF14P | Paper and Fiber | Molded Fiber | All Forms w/ plastic component |

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| Category ID | Material Class | Material Type | Form |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
| 25_PF14N | Paper and Fiber | Molded Fiber | All Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_PF15P | Paper and Fiber | Multi-Material Laminate | Aseptic Cartons |
| 25_PF5P | Paper and Fiber | Multi-Material Laminate | Gable-top Cartons |
| 25_PF17P* | Paper and Fiber | Multi-Material Laminate | Paperboard with a Plastic Coating/Lining |
| 25_PF7P | Paper and Fiber | Multi-Material Laminate | Other Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_PF8N | Paper and Fiber | OCC | Waxed Cardboard w/o plastic component |
| 25_PF8P | Paper and Fiber | OCC | Waxed Cardboard w/ plastic component |
| 25_PF9N | Paper and Fiber | OCC | Cardboard w/o plastic component |
| 25_PF9P | Paper and Fiber | OCC | Cardboard w/ plastic component |
| 25_PF10N | Paper and Fiber | Paperboard | All Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_PF10P | Paper and Fiber | Paperboard | All Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_PF11N | Paper and Fiber | White Paper | All Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_PF11P | Paper and Fiber | White Paper | All Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_PF12N | Paper and Fiber | Other/Mixed Paper | All Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_PF12P | Paper and Fiber | Other/Mixed Paper | All Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_PF16N | Paper and Fiber | Paper and Fiber | Small – Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/o plastic component |
| 25_PF16P | Paper and Fiber | Paper and Fiber | Small – Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/ plastic component |

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| Category ID | Material Class | Material Type | Form |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| 25_P1P | Plastic | PET (#1) | Bottles, Jugs, and Jars (Clear/Natural) |
| 25_P2P | Plastic | PET (#1) | Bottles, Jugs, and Jars (Pigmented/Color) |
| 25_P38P | Plastic | PET (#1) | Other Rigid Containers, Cups, Lids, Plates, Trays, Tubs |
| 25_P39P | Plastic | PET (#1) | Other Rigid Items |
| 25_P5P | Plastic | PET (#1) | Flexible and Film Items |
| 25_P6P | Plastic | HDPE (#2) | Bottles, Jugs, and Jars (Clear/Natural) |
| 25_P7P | Plastic | HDPE (#2) | Bottles, Jugs, and Jars (Pigmented/Color) |
| 25_P8P | Plastic | HDPE (#2) | Pails & Buckets |
| 25_P40P | Plastic | HDPE (#2) | Other Rigid Items |
| 25_P10P | Plastic | HDPE (#2) | Flexible and Film Items |
| 25_P11P | Plastic | PVC (#3) | Rigid Items |
| 25_P12P | Plastic | PVC (#3) | Flexible and Film Items |
| 25_P13P | Plastic | LDPE (#4) | Bottles, Jugs, and Jars |
| 25_P14P | Plastic | LDPE (#4) | Other Rigid Items |
| 25_P15P | Plastic | LDPE (#4) | Clear Non-Bag Film |
| 25_P16P | Plastic | LDPE (#4) | Other Flexible and Film Items |
| 25_P17P | Plastic | PP (#5) | Bottles, Jugs, and Jars |

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| Category ID | Material Class | Material Type | Form |
|-------------|----------------|---|---|
| 25_P41P | Plastic | PP (#5) | Other Rigid Containers, Cups, Lids, Plates, Trays, Tubs |
| 25_P19P | Plastic | PP (#5) | Utensils |
| 25_P20P | Plastic | PP (#5) | Other Rigid Items |
| 25_P21P | Plastic | PP (#5) | Clear Non-Bag Film |
| 25_P22P | Plastic | PP (#5) | Other Flexible and Film Items |
| 25_P23P | Plastic | PS (#6) | Expanded/Foamed Hinged Containers, Plates, Cups, Tubs, Trays, and Other Foamed Containers |
| 25_P42P | Plastic | PS (#6) | Other Expanded/Foamed Forms |
| 25_P27P | Plastic | PS (#6) | Utensils |
| 25_P43P | Plastic | PS (#6) | Solid Hinged Containers, Plates, Cups, Tubs, Trays, and Other Solid Forms |
| 25_P29P | Plastic | PS (#6) | Flexible and Film Items |
| 25_P44P | Plastic | Plastics and Polymers Designed for Compostability | Rigid Items |
| 25_P45P | Plastic | Plastics and Polymers Designed for Compostability | Flexible and Film Items |
| 25_P46P | Plastic | Multi-Material Laminate | Pouches and Envelopes |
| 25_P33P | Plastic | Multi-Material Laminate | Other Forms |
| 25_P34P | Plastic | Other/Mixed Plastics | Textiles |
| 25_P35P | Plastic | Other/Mixed Plastics | Rigid Items |

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| Category ID | Material Class | Material Type | Form |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 25_P36P | Plastic | Other/Mixed Plastics | Flexible and Film Items |
| 25_P47P | Plastic | Plastic | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less |
| 25_WO1N | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Wood | All Untreated Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_WO1P | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Wood | All Untreated Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_WO2N | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Wood | All Treated or Painted Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_WO2P | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Wood | All Treated or Painted Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_WO3N | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Other/Mixed Organic | Textiles w/o plastic component |
| 25_WO3P | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Other/Mixed Organic | Textiles w/ plastic component |
| 25_WO4N | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Other/Mixed Organic | Other Forms w/o plastic component |
| 25_WO4P | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Other/Mixed Organic | Other Forms w/ plastic component |
| 25_WO6N | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/o plastic component |
| 25_WO6P | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Wood and Other Organic Materials | Small - Two or more sides measuring 2 inches or less w/ plastic component |

Changes since December 2024 published CMC list

This section identifies changes made to CMCs since the December 2024 publication. Any changes are organized by Category ID, in the numerical order in which they appear in the table of CMCs. Each primary bullet point lists the new CMC, starting with Category ID followed by the new Material Class / Material Type / Form. The sub-bullet under each primary bullet provides a description of the change, including a description of the previous CMC(s) (as applicable), arranged by Category ID / Material Class / Material Type / Form.

Only one change, the addition of a CMC, was made as part of this September 2, 2025, publication.

- **25 PF17P*** Paper and Fiber / Multi-Material Laminate / Paperboard with a Plastic Coating/Lining
 - New category with material that was previously in 24_PF7P Paper and Fiber / Multi-Material Laminate / Other Forms w/ plastic component