

# The Truth Behind the arrows

**Don't be fooled!**

These symbols are part of the Society of Plastics Industry (SPI) Coding System. They only say what plastic is used, not if a plastic is recyclable.

Illinois requires these codes on bottles between 8 oz. and 5 gallons and on rigid containers 8 oz. to 5 gallons.



**Polyethylene Terephthalate  
(PET) OR (PETE)**

**High Density Polyethylene  
(HDPE)**



**Vinyl (V)  
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)**

**Low Density Polyethylene  
(LDPE)**



**Polypropylene  
(PP)**

**Polystyrene  
(PS)**



**Other**

Chicago's Department of Sanitation accepts plastics with

SPI codes 1-5 and 7. **NOT 6** (includes styrofoam)

**DRINK  
RESPONSIBLY**