

# Today's Status Symbols



The Mobius Loop is the most famous recycling symbol. The three arrows give the impression of something happening over and over again. Recycling is supposed to be a never ending process so the Mobius Loop is a good symbol to show this. However there are no laws controlling the use of the loop. Some businesses use the symbol on things that cannot be recycled.



When three arrows are used to form a triangle around a number, this is part of the Plastic Container Code System. Plastic containers are made from different types of plastics. Each type of plastic is given a number between 1 and 7. This System is a guide to help people and recycling companies separate plastics.



A Mobius Loop in a black circle shows recycled content. This is given as a percentage of the product or total material. Sometimes the words post consumer are also beside the loop and circle. This means the raw material used to make the item has been bought before, used, and recycled.



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