

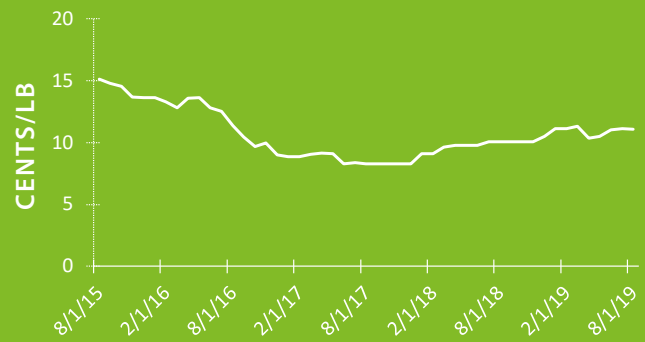
END MARKETS WANT YOUR POLYPROPYLENE



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.



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.