

Tesco Preferred Materials

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Red: Materials that we will remove by the end of 2019 (or by April 2019 for Tesco Partners)

Amber: Materials that we will either investigate alternatives for, or **use only where required**

Green: Materials we will continue to use and use as replacements for the Red List

Red – Exit (poor for recycling and/or potentially harmful)	Amber – Hold (until infrastructure and/or scientific developments take place)	Green – Preferred (easily recycled, can have high recycled content)
PVC & Polystyrene	Home compostable E.g. Cellulose, Mater-bi & Natureflex	Sustainably sourced Wood, Board, Paper & Glassine
Oxy degradable materials	OPP – Oriented polypropylene	PET – Polyethylene terephthalate
Rigid Water soluble plastics	PP – Polypropylene (for certain food applications)	Glass
PLA – Polylactic acid	Complex laminates/multi-layer films	PP – Polypropylene (non food)
Industrial compostable	PVdC (Not PVC)	HDPE & LDPE
Polycarbonate	New materials	PE – Polyethylene (preferred material for flexible film)
Acrylic		Steel & Aluminium
* Black Plastics		

* Black plastic refers to all dark coloured plastics that are non-detectable in recycling plants

