

Tesco Preferred Materials/Formats

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

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
PVdC	Complex laminates/multi-layer films	Glass
Oxy degradable materials	OPP - Oriented polypropylene	PET - Polyethylene terephthalate
Acrylic (for food applications)	Acrylic (for bathroom products)	PE – Polyethylene (preferred material for flexible film)
PLA – Polylactic acid	PP – Polypropylene (for certain food applications)	HDPE & LDPE
Industrial compostable	New materials	PP – Polypropylene (non-food)
Polycarbonate		Steel & Aluminium
Rigid Water soluble plastics		
Expanded/Foamed Polymers		
* Black Plastics		

* Black plastic refers to all dark coloured plastics that are non-detectable in recycling plants. For **all** suppliers the deadline for exiting black plastic is the end of 2019

