



PET RECYCLING RATES FOR YEAR ENDED 2004

In September, 2005, the National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR) released new statistical information concerning the recycling rates for PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) containers for the year ended December 31, 2004.

According to NAPCOR, the recycling rate was 21.6% and a collected volume of 1.003 billion pounds for PET post consumer containers is the highest recycling rate for post consumer PET containers since 2001, and represents record recycled PET collection volumes. The use of post consumer recycled PET increased 59% from 2003 to 2004 to a record 878 million pounds. Recycled post consumer PET is used in a variety of applications, including fiber for carpeting and apparel, strapping, and food and non-food containers. In the United States, supply of post consumer recycled containers continues to be inadequate to meet the growing demand for recycled content products.

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