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### **Oconee County Solid Waste to Accept Certain Plastic Recyclables**

Oconee County Solid Waste is thrilled to announce that all Recycling Centers will resume the recycling of certain plastics, effective September 13, 2021.

Bottles, jars and jugs, classified as Type 1 (PETE) and Type 2 (HDPE) plastics will now be accepted at Oconee County Recycling Centers. Residents may easily identify these items by checking the bottom or side of plastic containers for the following symbols:



Residents should remove lids and thoroughly rinse containers prior to visiting Oconee County Recycling Centers. Contaminated plastics may impact Oconee County's ability to recycle products.

In May 2020, global recycling markets plummeted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, Oconee County continued to research viable markets and opportunities for plastic recycling. Over the past few months, domestic markets began accepting limited plastics based on manufacturing company needs.

Plastic bags, Styrofoam, clamshell containers, lids and plastics identified as Types 3 through 7 will not be accepted at this time. As recycling markets open up, more types of plastic may be accepted in the future.

Oconee County would like to thank citizens and residents who are committed to recycling and reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills. Oconee County recognizes your efforts and greatly appreciates your patience and understanding at this time.