

Aeroplasts Eco Pot Range are suitable for Kerbside Recycling

Aeroplasts have long believed that their plant pot range should be included with kerbside collections. While 76% of Local Authorities collect pots, tubs and trays, there are only a handful who collect plant pots.

To help move this forward, Aeroplasts have worked with numerous raw material suppliers to provide a range of colours which are Carbon free, as Carbon Black pigment absorbs Infra-Red from detection systems, hindering recycling.

As a long-standing member of RECOUP, Aeroplasts provided the plastic recycling charity with samples of plant pots manufactured from 100% reprocessed carbon free PP, for testing on NIR detection systems.

Tests were arranged at the high tech TOMRA testing centre in December 2017. The samples comprised of 8 different colours, including a carbon free black. The samples were 100% correctly identified as Polypropylene.

RECOUP CEO Stuart Foster stated, "This is a valuable fraction of plastics and I see no reason why it shouldn't be included in household recyclables collections subject to meeting usual good practice collection requirements, namely being clean and empty."

Aeroplasts Sales Manager Alex Everett stated "We have been working very hard to find materials which will allow us to offer packaging in a closed loop system of recycling, pots which would normally end up in landfill can now be successfully sorted and recycled".

WRAP's Plastic Specialist Bernard Chase said -"Designing plastic packaging in a way that enables it to be easily collected in the household, easily sorted by Polymer type and easily recycled into new products at end of life is a fundamental principle of a truly circular approach to resource efficiency. WRAP is therefore delighted to be working in collaboration with RECOUP and Aeroplasts to achieve such a highly desirable outcome for plastic plant pots.

Aeroplasts will continue to develop the Eco Range of pots over the coming months and are delighted that they can prove that not all plastic packaging should be seen in a negative light, developing closed loop recycling schemes enable us to utilise this great product over and over again.

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RECOUP are a charity and member based not for profit organisation working to promote plastics recycling.

RECOUP is the UK's leading authority on plastics waste and resource management, providing expertise and guidance to a wide range of clients across the plastics supply, use and disposal chain.

RECOUP works with many other leading international plastics recycling organisations to ensure that it stimulates the implementation of the latest best practices and developments world-wide.

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