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Data Summary

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plastics value chain

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- Inspire** collaboration by connecting the whole plastics value chain
- Lead** the continued development of a plastic circular economy, resource efficiency, recycling and reuse
- Educate** the public and businesses on all aspects of plastics recycling and resource efficiency

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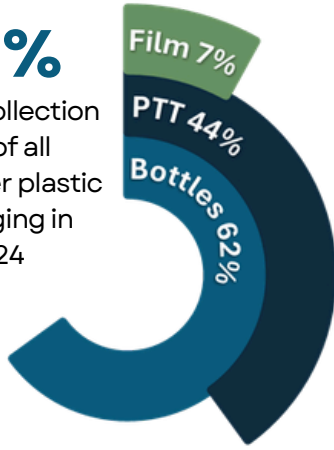
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HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION RATES

41%

overall collection rate of all consumer plastic packaging in 2024



49%

of UK waste plastic packaging declared as recycled is exported

1,154,000 tonnes

of plastic packaging declared as recycled from all sectors in 2024

361 UK LOCAL AUTHORITIES

100% collect plastic bottles

93% collect plastic PTT

16% collect plastic film

21kg

of plastic packaging collected per household



plastic bottles **14kg**

6kg plastic PTT

plastic film **1kg**

DATA SUMMARY

NATION COLLECTION RATES

41%

England

52%

Wales

40%

Scotland

45%

N Ireland

13.7 billion

plastic bottles used each year in the UK

38%

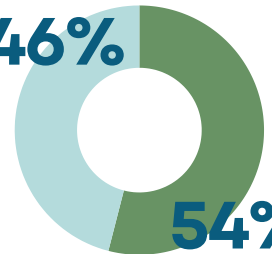
NOT collected for recycling



PLASTIC COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING

Co-mingled

46%



54%

source-separated

Collection rate for all rigid plastic packaging (bottles and PTT)



55%

In England, of those that do not already have film collection at kerbside

1 in 5

are **not intending on introducing a scheme** by the 31st March 2027 deadline

596kt

of household plastic packaging collected for recycling in 2024

65%

plastic bottles

plastic PTT

30%

5%

plastic film

ADVICE TO CITIZENS



38%

lids on bottles

empty / rinse

89%

65%

flatten / squash

loose

60%