

## Unknown of Recycling for Innovative Solutions

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### Abstract

For many, environmentalism begins with the recycling symbol and ends at the recycling bin. The simple act of throwing something away into a large box marked with a recycling sign is enough to make some of us feel like we've done our part. However, recycling is a lot more complicated, and the process of recycling plastics has significantly lots of constrains.

It's a system dictated by market demand, price determinations, local regulations, the success of which is contingent upon everyone, from the product-designer to the trash-thrower, to the waste collector, to the recycling factory worker.

The consumers and recycle methods or recycling factories play a much more critical role than we might imagine— depending on how we use our products and their value and quality post-use. Recycled goods have to compete with new products in the market; who wants to buy something of lower quality? Another important key is the carbon footprint during recycling. Is the action worth it?