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fardadm (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 18h ago
 i have heard great stuff about the environmental credentials of PCR PET. this material also goes by the trade name of valox iq. however, does anyone know if this process minimizes dangers with phthalates? there is great consumer concerns around the dangers of phthalates (as with BPA-bisphenol A). does anyone know if PCR PET has issues with phthalates leaking into the environment.

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fox45 (31 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 18h ago
noskralc:
 Very concise educational post on plastics and recycling. I appreciate it. Can a "contaminated" lot be used for things such as plastic lumber?

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fox45 (31 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 18h ago
 Yes Devious.... I wish packaging was plant based... its not as smooth and silky as oil. We've been trained on that silky feel.

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noskralc (9 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 20h ago
 (psst most companies ALREADY use 100% PCR as a matter of economics but are now touting it to give warm fuzzies to enviro-types. Of course, you won't mind the increased cost for a clean conscience, right?)

 I work in the plastics industry - PET is very recyclable but can only "handle" so many runs through the system before the plastic degrades enough to the point where its detrimental to its processability. Usually bottle flake PET is recycled into other more permanent forms of consumer products like socks, carpets, etc.

 Also the issue with materials like PLA (corn plastic) is that they appear just like PET to the consumer, but they cannot be recycled, period. They degrade far too much being processed a single time to be reused. OF course this presents a problem for recyclers - if PLA makes its way into the recycle stream along with PET, all that will do is pollute the PET and the whole lot will need to be disposed of.

 organo-plastics are presenting their own unique challenges for implementation.

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fox45 (31 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 20h ago
 Recycling processes bewilder me. I'd like to see how plastics are made and recycled. For Pepsico to make this decision shows how a megacorp is willing to make a smaller footprint. Thank you USA today for this story.

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DeviousFink (12 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 22h ago
 I can't remember who the other organic salad packaging company is, but they use 100% corn plastics for their packaging. I think I'd rather have my packages melt away in the rain rather than stick around forever and ever amen because I can't find a recycling center that'll take plastic items that aren't bottles.

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frieswiththat (21 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 23h ago
 That's all fine and dandy... but if I have to pay more to get my broccoli slaw in a recycled container, I'll live with the guilt.

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arjmd2006 (6 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 4d 1h ago
 Now, for reals healthy produce.

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