

rPET 101:

How Our New rPET Bottles Are Made

Our new San Bernardino plant processes mostly locally sourced recycled PET plastic and turns it into recycled PET (rPET) for us to make new Crystal Geyser[®] Alpine Spring Water[®] bottles.

Here's how the process works:



Step 1: Flake

The PET flakes we receive at San Bernardino have already been sorted, cleaned and sliced by a recycling program partner.



Step 2: Pellet

The flakes are heated, stirred and turned into rPET pellets, which are about the size of a grain of rice. The rPET pellets are then shipped to our West Coast bottling plants to become bottle preforms.



Step 3: Preform

At our West Coast bottling plants, the rPET pellets are blended with virgin PET, heated and molded into bottle preforms. The blending of the two PETs creates a bottle that is a minimum of 50% rPET.



Step 4: New Bottle

The preforms are then heated, blown into bottles, and filled with Crystal Geyser[®] Alpine Spring Water[®]. Filled bottles are immediately labeled and packaged for shipping—bottled at the source to ensure you're getting the highest quality, most refreshing natural spring water possible.

Step 5: A Difference You Can See

The sorted, cleaned, recycled flakes of plastic we receive from our recycling partners aren't limited to just clear plastic and can include other colors of PET (primarily green and blue). These additional shades can sometimes cause our new rPET bottles to take on a slightly darker tone in the base and neck due to higher plastic density.

