

**CHAPTER 23-32**  
**PLASTIC PRODUCTS DEGRADATION AND LABELING**

**23-32-01. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

1. "Degradable" means capable of being reduced to environmentally benign subunits under the action of normal environmental forces, including biodegradation, photodegradation, chemical degradation, or hydrolysis within reasonable timelines specific for waste types and waste management methods.
2. "Department" means the state department of health.
3. "Plastic" means any material made of polymeric organic compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow.
4. "Plastic bottle" means a plastic container that has a neck that is smaller than the body of the container, accepts a screw-type, snap cap, or other closure, and has a capacity of at least sixteen fluid ounces [453.60 grams] but less than five gallons [18.93 liters].

**23-32-02. Degradation rates - Byproducts of degradation.**

Repealed by S.L. 2001, ch. 248, § 3.

**23-32-03. Rules.**

The department may adopt rules consistent with national or regional standards which relate to the promotion of plastic bottle recycling and the maintenance of safe plastic bottle recycling practices in the state.

**23-32-04. Degradable plastic rings - Penalty.**

Repealed by S.L. 2001, ch. 248, § 3.