

PLASTIC BAG/FILM RECYCLING

Like all plastics collected for recycling, plastic film can be recycled into many useful products. Plastic film can be used to make composite lumber for making decks, benches, and playground sets. Plastic film can also be reprocessed into small pellets, which can be made into new bags, pallets, containers, crates, and pipe. Please remember not to place your bags/film in the blue recycling bin as they clog up machinery at the recycling facility. You can visit wastefreesd.org to find a plastic bag drop-off location near you.



EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE PLASTIC BAGS/FILM INCLUDE:

- Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags (clean, dry and free of receipts and clothes hangers)
- Zip-top food storage bags (clean and dry)
- Plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels), bubble wrap and air pillows (deflate)
- Furniture and electronic wrap
- Plastic cereal box liners (but if it tears like paper, do not include)
- Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products
- Any film packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label shown at right

Recycle clean, dry plastic bags and film packaging

Include these materials

- Bread Bags
- Napkin, Paper Towel, Bathroom Tissue and Diaper Wrap (packaging)
- Produce Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Pallet Wrap or Stretch Wrap
- Grocery Bags
- Food Storage Bags
- Case Wrap (e.g. snacks, beverage cases)
- Retail Bags
- Plastic Air Pillows
- Bags on Clothing

DO NOT include with bags and film

- NO Prewashed Salad Mix Bags
- NO Paper
- NO Degradable Bags
- NO Silica Packets
- NO Tape
- NO Rigid Foam or Peanuts
- NO Candy Bags
- NO Rigid Plastic:
 - Plastic Food Containers
 - Plastic Bottles
 - Hangers

Recycle if Clean & Dry
Store Drop-off
PLASTIC
EASILY FILM / WRAP
how2recycle.info
...and other film packages beyond displayed items IF they have the how2recycle label

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COVID AND PLASTIC BAGS/FILM RECYCLING

Many grocery stores that used to accept plastic bags/film have temporarily halted collection. Please try to hold on to your plastic bags at home until the grocery stores start accepting them again. The bags/film can all be compressed and placed into another plastic bag.

GROCERY STORES, PLASTIC BAGS, AND WHAT HAPPENS AFTER

Many big chain grocery stores have a lot of plastic film surrounding pallets of merchandise that enter their store. Manufacturers who ship the items to them can collect and recycle the plastic only when collected in large amounts. Because of this, many stores are able to collect plastic bags and film from residents to be hauled away by manufacturers. Most bags/film are then transported to a recycling center where it is melted and mixed with wood pulp to create composite lumber for decking and outdoor construction products. An example of a company that does this is Trex, click [here](#) for more information.

Make sure to only recycle clean and dry plastic bags/film. If unclean, the plastic bags can contaminate the load and render it unusable.