



It's Our Earth... Don't Bag It!

Did you know?

Eight percent of garbage going to local landfills is plastic bags/product wrap!
Please help by recycling other clean/dry plastics with your bags at the store...
Please **DO NOT** place bags/product wrap in your curbside recycling bin!

Recycle the following **CLEAN & DRY** plastics with your grocery bags at the store:

BAGS (any #2 and #4) from:

- Groceries/Retail
- Newspapers
- Cereal/cracker box liners
- Dry cleaning
- Bread
- Produce (no prewashed salad mix bags)
- Zip-type
- Stretch/ shrink wrap

PRODUCT WRAP from:

- Drink cases
- Snack cases
- Toilet paper
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Furniture
- Diapers
- Electronics
- And more!

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Plastic with:
 - Strings
 - Rigid handles
 - Closing mechanisms
 - Paper labels
- Soil/mulch bags
- Non-deflated bubble wrap or air pillows
- Frozen food bags
- Degradable bags
- Mylar (potato chip) bags

For more details: www.plasticbagrecycling.org

Quick Facts:

- Plastic bags are made from non-renewable petroleum and natural gas
- An equivalent of 12 million barrels of petroleum is needed to make 100 billion bags
- Americans *throw away* 100 billion bags each year
- Less than one percent of plastic bags are recycled
- NYS Plastic Bag Reduction Act: most retailers that provide plastic bags to customers must take them back
- Recycled bags/wrapping can be made into useful products such as fencing, decking, building and construction materials and new bags!



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Recycling is only one of the 3 Rs of **PLASTIC BAGS**

Reduce... Purchase reusable bags—one less bag can make a difference! If you're buying one or two items, don't ask for a bag.

Reuse...

- as a lunch bag
- to line your wastebaskets
- to pick up pet waste
- to store dirty or wet clothes when traveling

