

What Can Go In Your Retailer's Plastic Bag Recycling Bin?



What are Acceptable Film Plastics for Recycling?

- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic retail bags with string ties removed
- Plastic newspaper bags
- Plastic dry-cleaning bags
- Plastic produce bags with ALL food residue removed
- Plastic bread bags with ALL food residue removed
- Plastic cereal bags with ALL food residue removed
- Plastic wrap from paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc)
- Plastic stretch/shrink wrap with all food residue removed
- Plastic zipper type bags

Note: All materials must be CLEAN and DRY

What are UNACCEPTABLE Film Plastics?

- Plastic bags with strings
- Plastic bags with food residue
- Plastic soil or mulch bags
- Plastic food containers
- Plastic bottles

What are Alternatives to Single Use Plastic Grocery Bags?

Instead of using a plastic grocery bag, you can:

Use canvas, cloth or a durable plastic bag made for multiple use. Reusable bags are more environmentally friendly than paper or plastic.

Say "No thank you." Not all items require a bag so tell the clerk, "No thank you." drink to the car instead of in a plastic bag.

Reuse them. There are many great uses for plastic carryout bags such as trash can liners in the home, for doggie waste or to use again at a retail store.

Why Recycle Plastic Bags and Film Plastics?



Each year, Americans throw away more than 100 billion plastic bags. Less than 1% are recycled.



Recycling these bags and other film plastics reduces waste and litter, resulting in cleaner streets and waterways and less material in landfills.



Recycling also protects wildlife because plastic bags and film plastics can be dangerous to animals that ingest them or are strangled by them.



In addition, using recycled plastic films in place of virgin plastics reduces our demand for oil.



Recycled plastic bags and film plastics provide valuable material to manufacturers of plastic lumber, plastic bags and other useful products.

