Plastic Film Recycling

There are many plastic items in Dutchess County that are recyclable and are appropriate to be placed in a curbside bin, brought to a transfer station, or deposited at a bottle exchange. However, film plastics, such as plastic bags, while recyclable, can only be recycled in designated collection bins. These plastics go through a different processing procedure and if miss handled can contaminate recycling loads or break machinery at a sorting facility.



Film plastics can be collected for recycling but only at local stores. To find a location near you, visit <u>Plastic Film Recycling</u>. Stores in Dutchess County have tall, cardboard structures where residents can safely recycle this material.

Film plastics would include the following:

- Plastic wrap
- Bread bags
- Plastic grocery bags
- Food storage bags (with the zip top removed)
- Plastic shipping envelopes (must be all film plastic, labels removed), bubble wrap
- Over wrap from products (paper towels, toilet paper, cases of water bottles, etc)

If you place your film plastic in one of these receptacles, the plastic can be recycled into more plastic bags, pallets for shipping, crates, piping, and even construction material such as slabs for decking.



For more information on recycling film plastics, refer to our website.

