



Recycling Plastic Bags (Plastics #2-#4)



Delaware County's Recycling Office receives questions each day from residents wanting to know: 1) Why they can't dispose of their plastic bags in their curbside recycling container and 2) Where can they recycle them.

- 1) Plastic bags, film and wrap are made from plastics #2 through #4. These grades of plastics don't mix well with other plastics in our recycling stream. They also tend to imbed themselves in the conveyer belt recycling process which can disrupt this operation for hours/days. However, that's not to say they cannot be recycled.
- 2) This soft plastic can be taken to most supermarkets, pharmacies, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Macys, Target, Kohls, Home Depot, Lowes and many more stores for recycling. Most have a designated bin for plastic bags located near one of their doors. This grade of plastic can then be recycled and turned into products such as: composite lumber, new bags, pallets, containers, toys, crates and pipes, etc.

So let's talk a little bit about what type of items you can recycle in these bins....

- Retail Bags
- Zip Close Food Storage Bags (clean & dry)
- Newspaper
- Furniture & Electronic Wrap
- Dry Cleaning
- Plastic Shipping Envelopes
- Bread
- Bubble Wrap & Air Pillows
- Produce
- Product Wrap (used on paper towels, bathroom tissue, water bottle cases, etc.)

Not all items are accepted at all drop off locations, so it's good to check the container first for what items are accepted in any given container.

No degradable/compostable film or bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, or frozen food bags are accepted.

Further information on recycling plastic bags, film, wrap can be found at:

www.plasticfilmrecycling.org



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