



Fact Sheet

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RECYCLING PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAPS

- Nationwide over 830 million pounds of bags and film were recycled in 2007 – up 27 percent from 2005.
- According to EPA's data, about 12 percent of plastic bags and film were recycled in 2007.
- Plastic bags can be made into dozens of useful new products, such as durable building and construction products, low-maintenance fencing and decking, shopping carts and of course, new bags.
- **The following plastics can be recycled wherever plastic bags are collected for recycling:**
 - newspaper bags
 - dry cleaning bags
 - grocery bags
 - bread bags
 - produce bags
 - toilet paper, napkin, and paper towel wraps
 - plastic retail bags (hard plastic and string handles removed)
 - zip lock bags (remove hard components)
 - cereal box liners
 - diaper wrap (packaging)
 - plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels)
 - case wrap (e.g., snacks, water bottles)
 - furniture wrap
 - electronic wrap
 - All clean, dry bags labeled #2 or #4.
- Learn more at <http://www.plasticbagrecycling.org>

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