



# HELP HELMETTA WIN THE CHALLENGE TO GET A FREE BENCH FOR THE BOROUGH

Help us to collect and recycle 500 lbs. of plastic. **ALL PLASTIC MUST BE CLEAN, DRY AND FREE OF FOOD RESIDUE.**

*The following plastic can be collected:*

pallet wrap and stretch film grocery bags      bread bags  
case overwrap    dry cleaning bags    newspaper sleeves  
Ziploc and other resealable food and storage bags  
produce bags    product wrap    retail bags    air pillows  
bubble wrap    plastic shipping envelopes    electronic wrap

PLUS

Plastic film symbol labeled #2 or #4    ice bags    salt bags    cereal box liners

### DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS

Frozen food bags      candy bar wrappers      chip bags  
Net or mesh produce bags      mulch or soil bags

**DON'T SEE YOUR ITEMS ON THE LIST? TRY THIS:**

- If the package will stretch when you pull it, yes, it can be included. If it tears, don't put it in.
- Is the package shiny or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound in your hand? If yes, do not put it in.

**BINS ARE LOCATED AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON THE BACK DECK AND AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

**NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** frozen food bags candy bar wrappers chip bags  
net or mesh produce bags mulch or soil bags mixed salad bags hot dog or meat wrap  
packaging six-pack rings vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths

## Frequently Asked Questions

Can I recycle plastic bags and film if they.....

- Are colored plastic? YES, the color does not affect the recycling process....
- Tear like paper? NO, please do not include, as they are not currently accepted in film/bag recycling bins
- Stretch when I pull it apart with both hands? YES, this is the correct type of plastic to recycle. If it does not stretch or it tears like paper, please throw it in the trash....
- Are thicker, stiff plastics for linens and beddings (including anything with a real zipper)?NO, they are not the kind of plastic recyclers can use in their processes....
- Have a paper label or tape stuck on? YES, but labels, tape and adhesive strips should be removed if possible. You can simply cut off of the label as the integrity of the bag is not important to the recycler....
- Are pet food bags? NO, this plastic is not recyclable....
- Are very shiny (like floral wrap) and make a loud crinkly sound when crumpled? NO, this plastic film is not recyclable....
- Have a shiny metal look like a chip bag or candy wrappers? NO, this plastic film is not recyclable....
- Have this NextTrex® label? YES, brands and retailers are using this label to let consumers know that the plastic film package is recyclable....
- Are labeled degradable AND recyclable? NO, recyclers cannot risk using degradable plastics in new items, so these items are not recyclable....
- Contains other materials or is dirty or wet. NO, plastic film must be clean and dry and the right type in order for it to be recycled.

Please remove all other materials like tape, paper receipts, food residue and crumbs, and crinkly or rigid plastics (bottles and tubs). These contaminants can ruin the quality of the plastic and may result in it not being recycled.