

Your Guide to Recycling Plastic Bags and Overwrap



Figuring out what to take to the recycling depot

North American Material Re-Manufacturers accept only certain types of plastic bags and overwrap, we have developed a list of identification criteria to help residents determine if the plastic bag or overwrap is acceptable.

- If it has a #2 or #4 resin code, **include** it
- If it is smooth when rubbed, **include** it
- If it was not packaging containing a product when you purchased it (for example garbage bags or Ziploc bags), **exclude** it
- If it has a zipper closure, **exclude** it
- If it has any resin code other than #2 or #4 resin code, **exclude** it
- If there is no resin code:
 - If it is stretch wrap or wrap used on deli foods, **exclude** it
 - If it is marked biodegradable or compostable, **exclude** it
 - If it is crinkly and loud when rubbed (like cellophane, chip bags, and candy wrappers), **exclude** it
 - If it is packaging used for bacon, deli meats, cheese slices, etc., **exclude** it (this packaging is made of multiple layers, including a barrier to prevent air or moisture from spoiling the product)

For more information visit www.recyclinginbc.ca

TIPS TO REDUCE THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS AND NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC BAGS

- * **Do not purchase pre-packaged salads or vegetables (choose hardshell)**
- * **Use reusable bags for shopping**
- * **Reuse plastic bags whenever possible**
- * **Buy in bulk, or choose a container that can be recycled.**
- * **Use reusable containers instead of plastic bags.**



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