

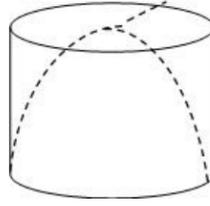
# Recycling Agricultural Plastics Program Best Management Practices

## Preparing Agricultural Bale Wrap for Recycling

*“It’s easier than we thought it would be.”*

### 1. Cut wrap off single bales (or 1 to 3 in-line bales)

Starting at the top, center of the bale, cut the wrap in thirds from top to bottom as shown in the diagram.



### 2. Dry the plastic

Hang on a line, fence, etc. for 24 hours as this will allow clumps of soil or feed to drop off.



### Additional Notes

- ◆ Grit and gravel are the enemy; stains and smears from feed or soil are fine.
- ◆ Discard any significantly dirty plastic (or dry and brush dirt and feed off).
- ◆ Folding and stacking bale wrap is an excellent alternative; it should be covered to keep clean and dry.

**NOTE:** Twine and net wrap are **NOT** collected in NYS at this time. Please do not include any with plastic to be recycled.

### 3. Role bale wrap into a “pillow”

Lay on a clean, dry surface. Fold sides of wrap to the center. Roll into a pillow. Optional: Tie with a strip of bale wrap.



Wooden rack for hanging bulk bags

### 4. Hang bulk bags nearby for easy access

Handles slip easily onto tractor forks to lift the filled sack and move it to a clean, dry storage area.

### 5. Put rolls in a bulk bag, or other clean dry storage

The bulk bags allows for easy movement or transport to a recycling center.



Storing bulk bags in a barn

### Other convenient storage options:



Rolls stacked on pallets in a barn



Outside covered storage



Wire crate stores rolls neatly

