Preparation of 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.

3. Roll 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.

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 allow for easy movement or transport to a recycling center.

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.