

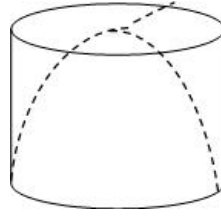
Recycling Agricultural Plastics Program Best Management Practices

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

