

Plastic Bags and Film Packaging

Your Guide for Safe Disposal and Recycling in Calumet County

Why should I recycle plastic bags?

Plastic bags and film packaging should **not** be put in your curbside recycling. Most curbside recycling programs do not take plastic film products. Plastic in these forms are very difficult to recycle because they often get stuck in machinery.

Plastic can also be dangerous for marine life as well. Animals will mistake plastic as food and try to eat it. The plastic the animal ate would get stuck in the animals' digestive system and can prevent healthy digestion. This will cause the animal to die slowly and painfully.

A good rule of thumb to follow for whether plastic can be recycled in your recycling bin is if you can wrap the plastic around your finger it should not go in your recycling.

Where can I recycle plastic bags and film?

Most grocery stores will recycle plastic bags for free. They will usually have a bin by the door where you can put them. Some stores that recycle bags include:

- Walmart
- Target
- Lowe's
- Kohl's
- Festival Foods

Some donation centers like Saint Vincent de Paul will take bags to reuse in their stores.

The best thing you can do for the environment is to use your own reusable bags rather than using plastic or paper bags from stores.



Community Recycling in Calumet County

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