

SILAGE & SHRINK BOAT WRAP RECYCLING

Frequently Asked Questions

July/12

1 What do farmers / boat owners have to do?

IWMC is asking farmers to shake excess silage and dirt off the wrap and store this plastic in a dry location and not leave it lying in the field or barn where it could become soiled. This simple action of placing the wrap in a storage location as soon as possible after feed or removing from your boat keeps the plastic much cleaner and means recyclers are better able to use it. It also helps to keep the farm tidy and there is less risk of the plastic polluting the countryside.

2 Isn't there always some mud, water or little bits of silage on the bale wrap?

Yes, and that's fine. We accept there will always be some dirt. What we are asking is for farmers to stop excessive contamination that happens **AFTER** the bale has been fed out.

3 What types of wrap are accepted?

Silage wrap, shrink boat wrap and net wrap are accepted for this program. This includes white, black, coloured (e.g. green, blue, etc.) and wrap that is a mixture of colours. Also, plastic sheeting used in horticulture, landscaping, and in greenhouses can be recycled providing it is clean and relatively dry.

4 What about other plastics used on my farm?

Only silage and shrink boat wrap and net wrap is acceptable at this time. Please do not contaminate your wrap with twine, feed or fertilizer bags, or other types of plastic packaging.

5 What happens if my material is unsuitable or contains unwanted materials with the wrap?

Customers arriving at WWDC's with unacceptable loads, meaning that proper sorting has not been achieved, will be charged the waste disposal fee which is based on weight (**\$115 per tonne; min charge of \$5**). Whether the farmer self-hauls or contracts this service, the disposal fee will apply to unacceptable loads.

6 Is there a limit on how much I can take for disposal?

At this time, WWDC's will accept up to a half ton truckload. Farmers with large volumes or stockpiles to dispose of are asked to contact IWMC at **1-888-280-8111** to make arrangements.

7 Where are the Waste Watch Drop-Off Centers (WWDC's) located?

WWDC's are geographically spread across the Province to accept materials from households and small businesses, including farms. Please see the Disposal Facilities section of this website for locations and hours of operation <http://www.iwmc.pe.ca/disposal>

8 How much does this program cost?

This program will end in July 2013. During this time there will be no charge to accept silage and shrink boat wrap. We expect that the revenue received from the recycling market will subsidize the program. At the conclusion of this test pilot, IWMC will conduct an evaluation of the program to determine its sustainability. The public will be notified if changes will be required at that time.

9 What is wrap recycled into?

Silage and boat shrink wrap can be recycled into a wide range of plastic products including buoys, boat bumpers, and plastic lumber, and is used in the manufacturing process for composite/laminate flooring.

10 Can I continue to burn or bury my plastics on my farm?

No. The practice of burning and burying waste plastics on a farm is not good for the environment and is not good farming practice. Burning plastic releases a range of dangerous gases, including cancer-causing dioxins, and when mixed with other chemicals used on a farm can produce an even more toxic brew, increasing the health risk for those nearby. ***On PEI, the burning of plastic is prohibited and punishable by heavy fines.***