

Recycle Rockbridge

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Plastic Recycling

Bags and Wrap

Rockbridge County will begin to accept plastic wrap and plastic bags on July 6. This will include all soft plastics such as shrink wrap, bags, and agriculture plastic. The plastic must be somewhat clean. This is especially important with the AG plastic.

The soft plastics will have to be kept separate from the hard plastics. We will have a designated place at each center to put the soft plastics. The soft plastics have to be baled separate from the others. However, they may be shipped with the hard plastics. This way we don't have to wait until we get a truck load (about 25 bales) to ship it off.

The baled plastics may be sold to a company based in Richmond, Virginia called Future Recycling. We are still in the process of approving this company. Our current buyer of plastics, Carastar, may be able to take these bales along with the bales of hard plastics. We will determine who will be taking the products in the next couple of weeks. The important thing is that we do have a market for the plastics and they will be recycled in a responsible manner.

Rockbridge County Recycling requires several forms of reference prior to selling their recycling to anyone. We ask for three business references, three credit references and a detailed description of the channels that the recycling will be going through on the road to being recycled. We also do extensive research on each company before doing business with them.

These steps are taken to insure that the products our citizens are taking the time to

collect will be recycled and done so responsibly. This also helps us make sure that we will receive timely payments for our recycling.

Recycled plastics are made into many different things. Items such as shower curtains, lawn furniture, carpet, toys, and clothing are some examples of things we use daily that are made of recycled plastic. Plastics that are not recycled end up in our landfills and sometimes free in the environment. Plastics are made from petroleum and they are not biodegradable. By recycling plastic you are not only saving landfill space but you are also conserving oil.



Special Notice

Rockbridge County Recycling Centers will be closed on July 4.