

Recycling Silage Bags and Agricultural Plastics

Agricultural plastics are used extensively for silage bags, bunker covers, bale wraps, and horticultural mulch. Managing large, dirty plastic sheets can be a major headache and cost for farmers. Sauk County will offer free disposal of agricultural plastics on Friday, October 18, from 10:00 a.m.-noon at the Sauk County Highway Shop, 620 STH 136, West Baraboo. It is best to keep the plastics as clean and dry as possible to maximize recycling opportunities.

Ag plastics do not need to be sorted when bringing them to the Highway Shop. They can be brought in a supersack or unbagged. Supersacks are reusable and can hold up to 400 lbs. They keep the plastic dry and protected, take up less floor space, and are easier to handle than loose storage.

Farmers can pick up free supersacks and instructions at the following locations throughout the county:

⇒ **Reedsburg Farmer's Cooperative**

300 South Walnut, Reedsburg

⇒ **United Cooperative**

1360 Laukant Street, Reedsburg

⇒ **United Cooperative**

E11145 Hwy. 60, Sauk City

⇒ **United Cooperative**

E11725A Co. Rd. Z, Prairie du Sac

⇒ **McFarlane's Manufacturing**

780 Carolina Street (temporary location), Sauk City

⇒ **Hillsboro Farmer's Cooperative**

S1729 County HH, Hillsboro

⇒ **Hohl Farm Supply Inc.**

W11942 State Road 33, Portage

⇒ **Blain's Farm & Fleet**

1100 South Boulevard, Baraboo

Benefits of recycling ag plastics are:

- √ Reduced costs compared to other disposal methods
- √ Keeps plastics out of landfills
- √ It is illegal to burn plastics; burning plastic is a dangerous source of air pollution
- √ Useful products, such as sidewalks, can be made from waste ag plastics

For more information about this recycling opportunity, contact Sauk County Agricultural Agent Katie Pfeiffer at 355-3257 or katie.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu or Education Coordinator/Fiscal Manager Penny Pohle at ppohle@co.sauk.wi.us or 355-4839. More information is also available on the Sauk County website at:

<https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/landconservationpage/recycling>