



AGRECOVERY



SMALL PLASTIC BAGS

RECYCLING PROGRAMME

FREE!



Agrecovery's Small Bags Product Stewardship Scheme is a sustainable solution for recycling your seed, feed, and fertiliser plastic bags (25kg and under in size).

Eligible bags are FREE to recycle thanks to the support of the scheme's participating brand owners.

Bags must be made of either LDPE plastic (number 4) or Woven PP plastic (number 5) and meet eligibility criteria to be accepted.



WHAT IS PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP?

Product Stewardship is when manufacturers, brand owners, importers and retailers accept responsibility for reducing a product's environmental impact.

It is much more than just recycling. It's a whole lifecycle approach to products, starting with the design of the packaging, through to its use and subsequent disposal to ensure the smallest environmental footprint.

It's a move away from a linear - make, take and waste economy - to a circular one, where waste is recovered, recycled and reused.



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SOFT PLASTIC WE RECOVER?

Due to infrastructure challenges in New Zealand, LDPE and Woven PP plastic bags are exported offshore where they are sustainably recycled into plastic pellets.

These pellets are then sold and used to make a number of useful items such as cables, vehicle parts and compost bins as part of the circular economy.



HOW TO TELL IF IT'S AN **LDPE** BAG

LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene) is a soft, flexible, lightweight, waterproof plastic material.

The Agrecovery liner you order is made from LDPE so you can recycle bags that look and feel like this.

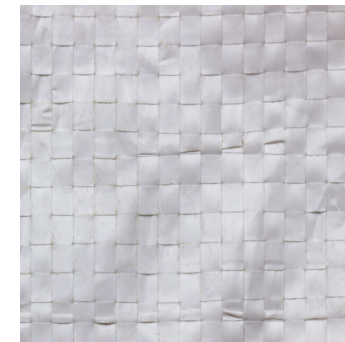
It has the recycling code number 4.



HOW TO TELL IF IT'S A **WOVEN PP** BAG

Woven PP consists of polypropylene plastic threads that are woven together, creating a durable material with a great deal of flexibility and strength.

It has the recycling code number 5.



LDPE

Scan this QR code with your phone camera to view a full list of collection site locations and participating brands for recycling your LDPE plastic bags.

LDPE bags must be placed in the **GREEN** Agrecovery liner.



WOVEN PP

Scan this QR code with your phone camera to view a full list of collection site locations and participating brands for recycling your Woven PP plastic bags.

Woven PP bags must be placed in the **PURPLE** Agrecovery liner.



PREP YOUR PLASTIC!

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR SMALL BAGS FOR RECYCLING

Contact Agrecovery on 0800 247 326 or email info@agrecovery.org.nz to order your liners and coded zip ties. Please ensure you follow the steps below for proper preparation.

BAGS MUST BE:

- 25kg and under in size
- From participating brands only
- Shaken clean (no product left inside the bag)
- No older than 6 months old (bags that have been stored for long periods, are sun damaged and/or disintegrating cannot be recycled)
- Stored in an Agrecovery liner (green for LDPE, purple for Woven PP)
- Stored in a clean dry place (keep out of the weather).

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ORDER A LINER AND CODED ZIP TIE THROUGH AGRECOVERY



Zip ties have unique codes so the collection site can record your recycling in your Agrecovery account.

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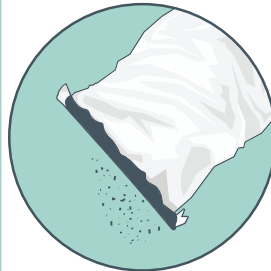
ENSURE THE TOPS OF YOUR EMPTY BAGS HAVE BEEN FULLY OPENED



Fully remove the string or cut along the top of the bag to easily remove any excess residue.

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TURN BAGS UPSIDE DOWN AND GIVE THEM A GOOD SHAKE



Ensure the bag is clean and free of residue, dirt and contamination - both inside and out.

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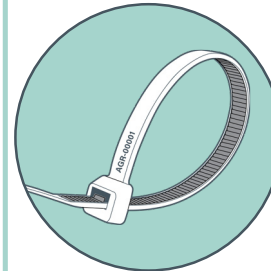
PUT THE CLEAN, EMPTY BAGS IN THE AGRECOVERY LINER SUPPLIED



Place empty bags in their correct corresponding liner. Full liners should fit between 60-100 bags.

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WHEN FULL, SEAL THE LINER WITH THE CODED ZIP TIE SUPPLIED



Store full liners in a dry, shaded location. Liners should be dropped-off as soon as possible.

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DROP YOUR FULL LINERS OFF AT YOUR NEAREST COLLECTION SITE



All bags and liners will be inspected by site staff to ensure acceptance criteria has been met.

BECOME AN AGRECOVERY MEMBER

Agrecovery membership is free! You can become a member by registering on our website or when you first visit a collection site or make a booking on the phone.

Once you're a member you can:


- Book disposal of your agrichemicals
- Book collection of your large drums
- Download reports of your recycling
- Receive updates on collection sites and events in your region
- Remove paperwork at collection sites with a member key tag

ABOUT AGRECOVERY

Agrecovery is a not-for-profit charitable trust that provides New Zealand farmers and growers with nationwide programmes for the disposal of unwanted agrichemicals, and the recycling of empty containers, drums, IBCs and small seed, feed and fertiliser bags. Our focus is on providing sustainable options for all farm plastics and achieving better environmental outcomes for rural communities.

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