

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

## Some Local Retailers That Accept Plastic Bags for Recycling



**Farm Fresh\***  
**Food Lion**  
**Giant\***  
**Kroger\***  
**Lowe's**  
**Martin's\***  
**Target\***  
**Walmart**



**Other stores may accept plastic bags for recycling as well,  
check with your local retailers or  
visit [www.abagslife.com](http://www.abagslife.com) to search for stores nearest you.**

## What Happens to Your Recycled Plastic Bags

Plastic bags can be recycled into many different products. Most plastic bags are recycled into composite lumber through companies such as Trex in Winchester, VA. Trex makes decking and railings made from 50% recycled or reclaimed plastic (mostly from grocery bags and reclaimed pallet wrap) and 50% reclaimed wood. A Trex 2x6 board that is 16 feet long uses approximately 2,250 plastic bags. Trex Company obtains about 50% of the available recycled plastic grocery bags in the nation. The retailers listed above in **Green\*** participate in plastic bag recycling with Trex. For more information about Trex Recycling, see their website at [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com).

### **\*Generally ACCEPTABLE FOR RECYCLING** **(Note – All material must be CLEAN and DRY)**

plastic grocery bags  
plastic retail bags (remove string ties & rigid plastic handles)  
plastic dry-cleaning bags  
plastic bread bags  
plastic produce bags  
plastic newspaper sleeves  
plastic packaging (around paper towels, bath tissue, water bottle *case* wrap)  
plastic stretch/shrink wrap  
plastic ziplock bags (remove rigid closing mechanism)  
clean, dry plastic bags with a #2 or #4 recycling symbol

### **NOT ACCEPTED** **(Please do not include the following)**

plastic bags with food residue  
plastic soil or mulch bags  
plastic prepackaged food bags (from frozen or microwavable foods)  
Saran Wrap  
six pack rings  
biodegradable or compostable bags  
plastic food containers  
plastic bottles  
plastic bubble wrap  
receipts, tape, labels