



**Our Mission:**

Trex’s mission for the *Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge* is to educate students, as well as their parents, about the importance of plastic bag recycling and keeping plastic out of the landfill.

**How the Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge works:**

- The *Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge* begins at the beginning of the school year or on America Recycles Day - November 15, and ends on Earth Day – April 22.
- Trex provides recycling bins and a recycling poster to the school (at no cost to the school).
- Trex will provide each student with a magnet which shows examples of plastics bags and plastic wraps that can be recycled.
- A school volunteer (teacher, parent or janitor) will tally how much plastic has been collected. You can do this by counting each individual bag or by counting each full bin. The bins should be lined with a 30 gallon trash bag. A full 30 gallon bag is approximately 1000 grocery bags.
- A school volunteer will take the collected plastic to the most convenient, participating retail location (see list below). Once at the store, the collect plastic may be deposited into a Trex recycling bin.

**How Winners are determined:**

- Winners are determined by the largest number of bags reported and collected by Earth Day (April 22), for your county or region.
- Prior to the Challenge beginning on America Recycles Day, I will let you know what other schools you are competing against.
- The monthly tally should be emailed to me or [Recycle@Trex.com](mailto:Recycle@Trex.com).

**Incentives:**

- Each participating school will receive a bird house made from Trex.
- The first place winner for your county or region will receive of a bench made of Trex.

**Participating Grocery Chains:**

Albertsons, A&P Tea Co, Big Y Foods, Farm Fresh, Giant, Hannafords, Harris Teeter, Ingles, Martin’s, Meijer, Merchants Grocery Co, Piggly Wiggly, Roundy’s, Safeway, Schnucks, Shaw’s, Sharp Shopper, Spartan Stores, SuperValu, Tops Market, Target, Tom Thumb, Winn-Dixie, Weis Markets, Whole Foods, Wal-Mart

<p><b><u>What Can be Recycled:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic Grocery Bags</li> <li>• Plastic department store bags</li> <li>• Newspaper sleeves</li> <li>• Dry-cleaning bags</li> <li>• Plastic Bread bags</li> <li>• Plastic Produce bags</li> <li>• Toilet paper/Paper towel overwrap</li> <li>• Stretch film (no household saran wrap)</li> <li>• Zip lock bags</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Good Colors to Recycle:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear</li> <li>• Light or translucent yellow</li> <li>• Light or translucent orange</li> <li>• Light or translucent red</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Colors NOT good to Recycle:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue</li> <li>• Black</li> <li>• Green</li> </ul> <p><b>All material must be clean, dry and free of food residue.</b></p>
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