

# Recycling Agricultural Plastics

## Round Bale Covers:

### 1. Keep the plastic clean when opening the bale.

- Spike the bale, elevate it, cut the wrap open and peel back the plastic, keeping it off the ground.
- Holding the bale over the feeder, cut deeply along one side of it, severing all twine.
- Pull twine off from the opposite side of the bale, removing hay or silage remnants, and store for recycling.

### 2. Dry the plastic film as much as possible by hanging it up for a day or two.

### 3. Shake to remove any leftover dirt and hay.

- Contamination with hay, silage, manure and especially mud and gravel makes plastic very difficult and expensive to recycle.

### 4. Store the plastics.

- Bag different colours and materials separately in fertilizer tote bags..

### 5. Deliver to a local recycling depot or contact the designated collection service

## Silage Bag Plastic

1. As with round bale covers, recycling requires that the plastic be clean and dry.
2. We suggest cutting the top part of the bag into pieces which can be easily shaken and hung to dry, eg. 4' x 10'
3. Roll or fold clean plastic and store in a dry tote bag for delivery or pickup.

## Vancouver Island Twine/Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Project

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