

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM

Did you know Plastic Bags can't be recycled with regular recycled products? We have a solution! Bring your plastic grocery bags, single-use, and case overwraps to our drop-off site in Broadlands. The collection bin is located inside a shed near the HOA Admin Building at 21907 Claiborne Pkwy. Look for the shed across from the tennis courts.



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED:

GROCERY BAGS • BREAD BAGS • CASE OVERWRAP (like the plastic over a case of water bottles)
DRY CLEANING BAGS • NEWSPAPER SLEEVES • ICE BAGS • WOOD PELLET BAGS
ZIPLOC and other reclosable bags • **PRODUCE BAGS • SALT BAGS • CEREAL BAGS**

ALL PLASTIC **MUST** BE CLEAN, DRY AND FREE OF FOOD RESIDUE.

ALL PLASTIC **MUST** BE PLACED IN ONE CLEAR OR WHITE PLASTIC BAG.



Collection will be ongoing and indefinite as long as rules are followed when dropping off your plastic bags. For more information visit www.broadlandshoa.org or contact julie@broadlandshoa.com



BROADLANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Program FAQs

**DO NOT DUMP SMALL PIECES OF PLASTIC INTO THE BIN.
ALL ITEMS MUST BE BAGGED INTO ONE CLEAR OR WHITE TRASH BAG.**

- ❖ **Where is the collection bin located to drop off plastic bag materials?** The collection bin is located inside the shed across from the tennis courts, next to the HOA Admin Building at 21907 Claiborne Parkway. The collection bin is on the right inside the shed. Drop-off is available anytime.
- ❖ **What type of plastic is recyclable under the Plastic Bag Recycling Program?** Polyethylene plastic film-type material is what we are looking for in this program. These items are generally a softer, somewhat “stretchy” plastic, usually with a less shiny finish. For example, if you were to try to tear a grocery bag or dry-cleaning bag, it would stretch and pull as it tears, giving it a ragged edge. If labeled, it would have a 2 or 4 recycling symbol.
- ❖ **What type of plastic is not acceptable under the Plastic Bag Recycling Program?** Plastics that are harder and “crinkly” that would give a straight finish when torn. Any plastics that have 1,3,5,6, or 7 recycling symbols. These plastics are made with products that are not accepted in our program.
- ❖ **Are plastic bottles, caps, and rings on six-pack beverages acceptable?** No, these items are a different type of plastic and are not recyclable in this program.
- ❖ **Cereal bags are included on the list. Does this mean the plastic bags from regular cardboard boxes of cereal and not the plastic bags that some bargain brand cereals come in?** Yes, that’s correct. Only the plastic bags inside the cardboard cereal bags are acceptable.
- ❖ **Are used FoodSaver bags, that have been adequately rinsed out, accepted?** No, these bags are made from a polyethylene and nylon blend. The nylon makes them unacceptable.
- ❖ **Some breads come in regular plastic bread bags but have a stiffer, sort of cellophane-like, inner bag. Are the inner wrappers accepted too?** No, the inner cellophane-type material is not accepted because it is a different type of plastic.
- ❖ **Are plastic cat litter and pet food bags accepted?** Pet food and cat litter bags are made of a different plastic polymer and are not recyclable in our program. Please do not put pet food and litter bags with the recyclable material in our collection bins. Pet and cat litter bags will contaminate all the other plastic materials that are collected.
- ❖ **Can I include hard plastic material with a recycling code of 2 or 4?** No, this program is for soft plastic materials only. No hard plastic materials will be accepted, even if they fall under recycling codes 2 and 4.
- ❖ **I buy lots of food items at the grocery store in small plastic bags with resealable enclosures, such as the bags shredded cheese comes in. Are these bags acceptable?** No, they are not because they do not contain polyethylene. We only accept soft plastic materials that contain polyethylene. Please do not include any plastic bags that are sold with food in them. We cannot accept them and they may contaminate the materials we are collecting.
- ❖ **Are non-clear LDPE (recycle code 4) bags from new TVs and other electronic equipment accepted?** Yes, type 4 plastics are the types we are looking for in this program.
- ❖ **Are plastic bags from mulch, fertilizer, or other lawn materials accepted?** Mulch bags, fertilizers, and other lawn material plastics are too dirty and contaminated to be recycled in our program and therefore will not be accepted. Please DO NOT include plastic lawn bags (of any kind) with other plastics when dropping off material for recycling.
- ❖ **Who should I contact if I’m not sure my plastic material is acceptable in the Plastic Bag Recycling program?** Call the Broadlands HOA office at 703-729-9704 or email the Community Outreach Coordinator at julie@broadlandshoa.com, and we’ll get an answer to your question as soon as possible.