



AGRECOVERY



SMALL PLASTIC BAGS

RECYCLING PROGRAMME

FREE!



Agrecovery's small plastic bags Product Stewardship Scheme is a sustainable solution for recycling seed, feed, and fertiliser bags (25kg and under in size). Eligible bags are free to recycle thanks to the support of participating brand owners. Bags must be made of LDPE plastic (number 4) 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.

HOW TO TELL IF IT'S AN LDPE BAG



LDPE bags are a soft and smooth plastic, often characterised by the number 4 icon. The Agrecovery liner you can order is made from LDPE so you can recycle bags that look and feel like this.



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 and follow the steps below. Scan the QR code on the back to view full acceptance criteria and a list of participating brands.

1

MAKE A CUT ALONG THE TOP OF YOUR LDPE BAG



Cutting along the top makes it easier to ensure any excess residue has been removed from the bag

2

TURN THE BAG UPSIDE DOWN AND GIVE IT A GOOD SHAKE



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

3

PUT THE EMPTY BAG IN THE AGRECOVERY LINER SUPPLIED



Liners will fit about 100 bags. When full, seal the liner with the coded Agrecovery zip tie provided

4

DROP THE FULL LINERS OFF AT A COLLECTION SITE



Please visit the Agrecovery website for a full list of the collection sites in your region

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PLASTIC WE RECOVER?



Due to infrastructure challenges in New Zealand, this plastic is exported offshore where it is 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.

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 chemicals
- 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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