

RECYCLING HORTICULTURAL MULCH FILM, GREENHOUSE COVERS etc.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

to keep plastic clean enough to recycle

- **CUT into pieces** of size & weight that 1 person can handle.
- **SHAKE OFF soil & debris**
Split mulch film down the middle and roll away from plants.
Brush or shake off stones, clumps of soil, and plant matter.
- **ROLL or FOLD DRY FILM into bundles**
the size of a large pillow (about 2'x3'). If necessary, tie bundles with strips of the same plastic. Stuff bags into a bag of same type.
- **SEPARATE different products & types**
Do not mix products in the same bale (e.g. separate drip tape from mulch film). Separate clean films from dirtier (e.g., bale mulch film separately from greenhouse/hoophouse covers). No PVC accepted.
- **STACK nursery pots & trays**
Knock out loose soil. Stack and tie onto a pallet.
- **CHEMICAL CONTAINERS:** Triple rinse to clean.
- **STORE UNDER COVER:** Clean, dry & out of sun.
As soon as possible, put in a barn, trailer or under a tarp.
- **LABEL BALES:** Use permanent marker.
Write: type of material, date, contact name/phone/location.

RECYCLING AG PLASTICS PROJECT

Life Cycle Stewardship of Agricultural Plastics

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