



PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Our Mission:

Will County Green joins Trex for the *Plastic Bag Recycling Challenge* 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* starts on October 1 and ends on Earth Day, April 22.
- A teacher/administrator returns a completed Challenge Entry/Population Verification form to Wyn Hyzer.
- Trex provides recycling boxes 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 plastic 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 or weighing each full box. The boxes should be lined with a 30 gallon trash bag. A full 30 gallon bag will hold approximately 500 bags.
- A school volunteer will take the collected plastic to the most convenient, participating retail location (see list below). Once at the store, the collected plastics may be deposited into a Trex recycling bin.

How Winner is Determined:

- Winners are determined by the largest number of bags reported and collected per capita by Earth Day (April 22), for all participating schools in Will County.
- The monthly tally should be emailed to Wyn Hyzer at whyzer@willcountygreen.com by no later than 3 days after the end of each month.

Incentives:

- Each participating school will receive a bird house made from Trex .
- The first place winner for Will County will receive a bench made of Trex.

Participating stores:

Albertsons, A&P Tea Co., Big Y Foods, **Dominick's**, Farm Fresh, Giant, Hannafords, Harris Teeter, Ingles, **Jewel-Osco**, 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**

What Can Be Recycled:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic department store bags

(Although Trex will accept other plastic items, for the purposes of this initial collection, we will only be accepting grocery bags and department store bags.)