



## 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 the **WEIGHT** of the plastic being recycled. *We will no longer be asking for an actual or estimated bag count.* 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](mailto: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 Illinois stores:

SuperValu, Jewel-Osco, Dominicks, Meijer, Schnucks, Target, Walmart

### What Can Be Recycled for this Competition:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic department store bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Dry-cleaning bags
- Plastic bread bags
- Produce bags
- Paper towel, toilet paper, bottle overwrap
- Stretch film (no household saran wrap)