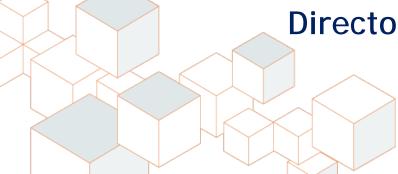


# WRAP: BEST PRACTICES FOR INCREASING FILM RECYCLING & REDUCING MRF CONTAMINATION

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## Become a WRAP Champion!



Support Your Sustainability Efforts

Free Resources

Easy to Do

#### ACC's Flexible Film Recycling Group

We Promote:



We Unlock:



Importance of recycling



Barriers to film recovery



Opportunities

WRAP: FFRG's Hallmark Initiative

#### FFRG Members





























### Film Use Widespread & Growing Because...



Reduces Used Resources



Efficient



Protects
Products



Economical



**Alternatives** over 2x energy

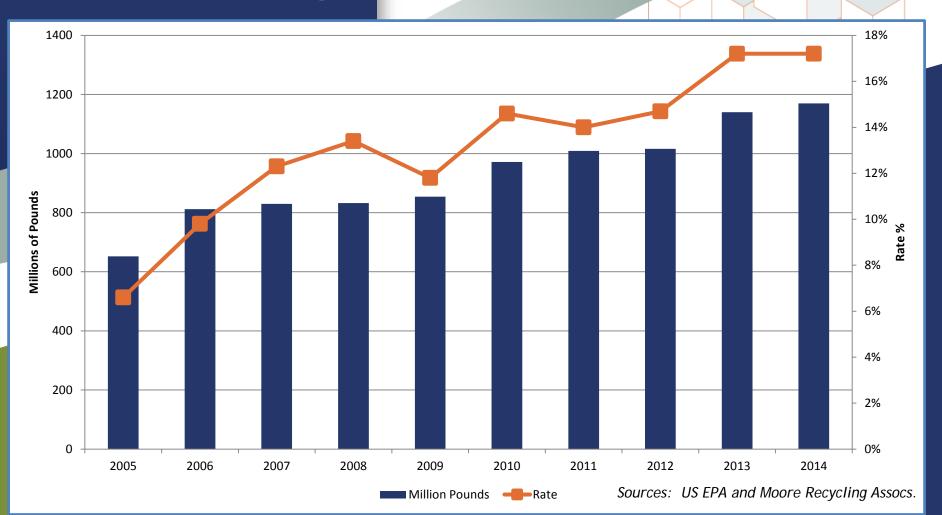
**Alternatives** nearly 4x GHG emissions





# Growth of PE Film Recycling

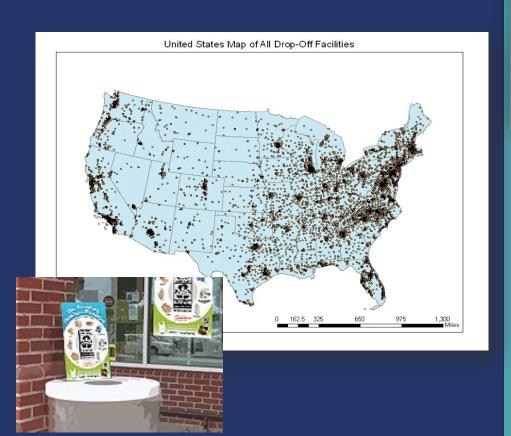
#### 80% Increase since 2005!



#### Infrastructure & Access

Over 90% US access

~18,000 retail drop-off locations nationwide



# Recycling - Huge Opportunity



Film ....
Used in every household & business

Billions of lbs. to be recovered

# Challenges & Opportunities for Growth





Most people don't know ....

- plastic wraps can be recycled
- plastic bags and film generally should NOT be in curbside bins

#### NATIONAL PUBLIC OUTREACH & EDUCATION INITIATIVE





#### Founders:

Flexible Film Recycling Group







#### Goal: Double film recycling to 2B lbs. by 2020

- Forge partnerships
- Educate on importance & how to recycle film
- Share tools/benchmark data/ establish best practices













State & Local Gov't Outreach

Brands, SPC - How2Recycle Label





### How WRAP Works



Recyclers, APR



Retail Collection - 18,000 drop-off locations

APR
DesignTM
Guide for
Plastics
Recyclability PE Films

Public-Private Partnerships

Wegmans



## How2Recycle Label: Expanding & Positively Impacting Change





















Kimberly-Clark











# Vancouver & Milwaukee W.R.A.P. Campaigns - Best Practices for Growth



#### **Key Findings**

- ✓ Significant increase (125%) in plastic bags/film collected
- ✓ Measurable reduction in curbside contamination 75% less bags
- ✓ Municipal outreach important cart tagging
- Collaborative approach needed for effective messaging impact



### Raising Awareness: What Works

**Direct Consumer** Communication

Pastic Film and Bags

Committed **Partners** 



#### PLEASE RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPS - RIGHT HERE!

- Collect your clean and dry plastic bags and film packaging
- Place them in a plastic bag Deposit it in the storefront recycling bin next time you shop
- Bread bags Product over









Public-Private

**Partnerships** 





Got Gift Card

Balance S



#### **Now RECYCLE**

clean & dry plastic film packaging, bags and wraps at your local store or drop-off location.

Not in your curbside recycle cart.

Find out where to recycle plastic items like shown on the reverse side at PlasticFilmRecycling.org.

Please do not include candu bar wrappers, chip bags, six-pack rings or degradable bags or frozen food bags.



# W.R.A.P. Makes it Easy for the Waste a Recycling Communities!

#### Free Resources Include:



For additional resources visit:

plasticfilmrecycling.org

# RECYCLE clean & dry plastic film packaging, bags & wraps HERE

#### **NOT in Curbside Recycling**



and Carryout Bars

Also look for any packaging with this How2Recycle label -

NO candy bar wrappers, chip bags, six-pack rings or degradable bags

PlasticFilmRecycling.org





### How do you get involved?



#### Become a WRAP Champion or Partner!

- Sharing information, tools & resources
- Participating in campaigns, sharing data/results



- Increase landfill waste diversion
- Deter unwanted film from MRFs
- Reduce needed waste management resources
- Support local economy & jobs
- Help protect the environment
- Create community networks & pride

### **Growing List of Participants!**





#### Partners & Champions

- Retailers = 4
- Brands = 15
- State governments = 3
  Local govts/communities = 56
  MRFs = 2

#### Join Us!

Other Partners Pending - EPA, CalRecycle, KAB

### **Questions?**

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