


AGRECOVERY

Rural Recycling Programme

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Agrecovery Wrap Recycling is an environmentally friendly way for disposing of your silage wrap.

It is a simple, convenient and cost effective way to deal with a major on-farm waste issue.

Over 320,000km of silage wrap is used every year in New Zealand – enough to circle the earth eight times.

Most of this is disposed of by burning or dumping, causing significant environmental damage.

Wrap left lying around on-farm is a potential hazard and contaminates your water ways, stock and farm.

For about \$1 per bale you can protect your work and home environment by using the Agrecovery Wrap Recycling programme.

How it works:

- ✓ Purchase Agrecovery wrap recycling bags from:
 - Selected rural retailers
 - www.agrecovery.co.nz
 - Freephone: 0800 AGRECOVERY (0800 247 326)
- ✓ Fill the bags with clean dry wrap on-farm as you feed out.
- ✓ Store the full bags in a clean dry place.
- ✓ Contact Agrecovery for collections in your area.

The following page includes complete instructions for preparing your silage wrap to fill the bags.

One packet of wrap bags costs \$67.50 (incl. GST) and contains five large bags, enough to recycle approximately 60 round silage wraps in total – **that's about \$1 per bale.**

You pay the same price whether you buy via your rural retailer or direct from Agrecovery.

Your rural retailer makes no margin on Agrecovery wrap bag sales as they see the benefits of contributing to your efforts to recycle plastic silage wrap.

There are no hidden costs. All costs, including collection, are contained within the bag price.

Shake. Roll. Stuff.

Preparing your silage wrap for recycling:



It's simple:

- As soon as you peel the wrap off the bale **shake** as much organic matter and water from the plastic as possible.
- Tightly **roll** the wrap up, being careful not to roll any contamination with it such as stones, net, twine, lumps of silage etc. Dispose net wrap and twine (we can't recycle this sorry).
- **Stuff** the clean, dry wrap roll into the wrap recycling bag.

When the wrap recycling bag is full tie it off, store in shed and log collection with Agrecovery:

- www.agrecovery.co.nz
- Freephone: **0800 AGRECOVERY** (0800 247 326)
- Email: wrap@agrecovery.co.nz

Agrecovery will contact you when a collection is scheduled for your area.

Do I need a bin?

- No, the full bags can go directly out for collection. However you can buy Agrecovery wheelie bins if you want to put the plastic bag into a bin. These can be purchased from the Agrecovery website and you can buy as many as you like.
- Wheelie bins can be useful for putting on your transport tray or ute when you head out to the bale stack for feed out. You can stuff the wraps into the bin as you peel them off.
- The plastic wrap recycling bags fit into a 240 litre wheelie bin snugly.
- Check the Agrecovery website for pricing of bins and to order.

Q Where can I buy the wrap recycling bags?

Most rural retailers will stock the bags or you can buy them directly from Agrecovery by going to our website (www.agrecovery.co.nz) or calling us on 0800 AGRECOVERY (0800 247 326)

Q How much does it cost to use wrap recycling?

All the costs of the recycling programme, including collections, are contained within the price you pay for the wrap bags. It cost \$67.50 (incl. GST) for one packet which contains five large wrap recycling bags, enough to recycle approximately 60 wraps – that's about \$1 per bale. There are no hidden costs. You pay once only.

Q What can I put in the wrap recycling bag?

Clean, dry plastic silage wrap and pit covers are acceptable. You can talk to us about other farm film plastic that might be acceptable also.

Q Do I have to clean the wrap plastic?

Silage wrap plastic can contain a lot of contamination such as water, dirt, silage, net, twine etc. To enable us to recycle this material we need you to follow 3 simple steps to remove the excessive contamination. SHAKE, ROLL AND STUFF!

1. As soon as you cut the wrap from the bale, SHAKE as much water and solid matter from the plastics as possible.
2. ROLL the wrap into a tight ball (be careful not to roll in any contamination such as stones, excessive dirt, twine etc).
3. STUFF the roll into the wrap recycling bag and store in a dry place.

Q Can I put the bale net wrap and twine into the bag?

No! These contaminate the recycling process so please dispose in your rubbish.

Q Can I put other farm wastes and plastics into the bags?

No! We are providing a recycling service, not a rubbish service. The wrap recycling bags are clear to ensure we can see what is in the bags. To enable us to provide a sustainable recycling service we need you to take some responsibility for quality. Don't forget you can recycle most of your agrichemical and animal remedy containers through Agrecovery's container recycling programme. Details of collection sites and eligible containers can be obtained via the website or by contacting us.

Q How many wraps will I get in each wrap recycling bag?

It depends on how well you can roll you wraps and how clean and dry the plastic is. The cleaner, drier and more tightly rolled the wraps are, the more you can place in each bag. We think 12 round wraps is a good number for each bag but feel free to stuff more in if you can. Remember though that you have to tie the bag off with the plastic tear top strip!

Q Can I tie off the wrap recycling bag any other way?

No! Use only the tear top tie at the top of the wrap recycling bag. The wrap recycling bags are recycled with the silage wraps so must be the same plastics material. Twine or tape will contaminate the recycling process.

Q How does the collection process work?

Register your full bags for collection by contacting Agrecovery either by phone, email or via our website, www.agrecovery.co.nz. We will notify you when a collection event is planned for your area and you bring the bags to a central collection point. If there is sufficient volume in your region, we may even collect from your farm gate. We will let you know exactly what is happening and give you plenty of notice to plan.

Q Can I get a compliance record for recycling my wrap?

Absolutely! We know how important this is for you. Each wrap packet contains a card with a unique number which you can record on our website. This proves you have used the service and enables you to download a compliance certificate. When you log your collection with Agrecovery you will be encouraged to become a member, this is free. Becoming a member makes this whole process easier and also opens the door to other membership benefits.

Q What happens with the collected wrap plastics?

It is to be processed right here in New Zealand. At the moment recycling this type of plastics within New Zealand is difficult to do sustainably and in a fully compliant manner. We need better processing capability to process this wrap plastic properly. Agrecovery, in conjunction with our plastics reprocessing partners at Astron Plastics, have been assessing some technology which we hope to bring into New Zealand during 2009. Check out the Agrecovery website for updates and announcements throughout 2009.

Look out for wrap displays at your local stockist ...



Don't forget to also recycle your agrichemical and animal health containers through the **Agrecovery Container programme**.

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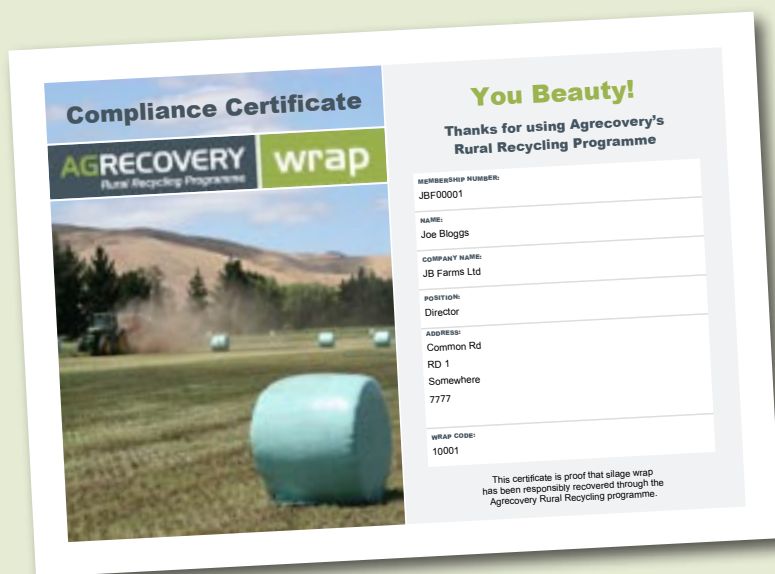
containers



There are 50 sites around the country with 20 more on the way this year – check out the latest collection map at www.agrecovery.co.nz.

Remember container collection sites are not collection sites for silage wrap.

For wrap register your collection with Agrecovery by phone, email or via the website.



Get your Compliance Card!

Complete and post the registration card found inside the packet of wrap bags, or register online at www.agrecovery.co.nz

About Agrecovery

Agrecovery is a not-for-profit charitable trust put together by primary sector stakeholders to resolve 'on-farm' waste issues.

It is governed by the Agrecovery Foundation whose trustees represent:

- Federated Farmers
- Horticulture New Zealand
- Fonterra
- Agcarm
- Environment Waikato (for Local Government)



Agrecovery is widely supported by industry and its services are provided for all farmers and growers of New Zealand.

Agrecovery also provides you with the agrichemical plastic container recycling programme.

In future Agrecovery also intends to help you with the recovery of large drums and the safe disposal of unwanted/outdated chemicals.