

# 2015-16 SY Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge



Is your school interested in being *rewarded* for recycling plastic bags? Do you have a teacher, school staff or PTA member who is *passionate* about recycling? Did you know that you can recycle more than just plastic bags at the grocery store? Recycling with Trex is **easy**.



## How does the Challenge work?

1. Schools compete against other schools in their area to recycle the most plastic film *per capita* (Trex provides the recycling bins)
2. A school volunteer weighs and keeps record of the amount of film collected each month. (*On average, a 30 gallon trash bag will hold about 650 plastic bags and weighs 8 lbs*)
3. A school volunteer takes the collected plastic to a participating retailer (any Target or Schnuck's store in the Metro East area)
4. Report collection totals to Kim Petzing, [kspetzing@co.madison.il.us](mailto:kspetzing@co.madison.il.us).

For your efforts, each school is rewarded with a participation award from Trex – a planter box. **The school that collects the most plastic per capita in your county will be awarded a Trex bench.** Trex also helps you promote the program with magnets for each student and a poster for your bulletin board.



The Trex Company has hosted the Recycling Challenge since 2006 with the objective of educating students on the importance of plastic film recycling through a school recycling program.

## Timeline

**November 6, 2015:** Registration forms due

**November 15, 2015** (*America Recycles Day*): Collections begin

**April 15, 2016:** Final numbers reported (report numbers to [kspetzing@co.madison.il.us](mailto:kspetzing@co.madison.il.us) as you collect each month)

**April 22, 2016:** Winners Announced

## Questions?

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## What can be recycled?

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Case overwrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Ziploc and other reclosable bags
- Produce bags
- Bubble wrap
- Salt bags
- Cereal bags

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue*



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2015-16 Plastic Film Recycling Challenge  
Information Sheet

School Name:	
Contact Name:	
Email Address:	
Street Address:	
City, State and Zip:	
# of students attending school:	

*\*Email completed form to Stephanie Hicks – shicks@trex.com*