



PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING CHALLENGE INFORMATION SHEET

TIMELINE:

- Official start date is America Recycles day – November 15
 - Final tallies due April 15
 - Winners announced on Earth Day – April 22
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How does the Challenge work?

1. Schools compete against other schools in their category to collect the most plastic film.
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 weigh 6 lbs.)
3. A school volunteer takes the collected plastic to a participating retailer (see list)
4. Report collection amounts monthly to: (my.trex.com)

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

What does Trex provide?

- Three recycling bins
- One poster
- Magnets for each student
- Award

Elementary is categorized by state and student enrollment:

- Great Plains Region:
IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI
- Mid-Atlantic Region:
DC, DE, KY, MD, OH, VA, WV
- Northeast Region:
CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
- Southeast Region:
AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN
- Southwest Region:
AR, LA, NM, OK, TX
- Northwest region:
CO, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY
- West Coast Region:
AZ, CA, NV, UT

Elementary student enrollment categories:

- 0-350 • 351-500 • 501-600 • 601-800
- 801-1100 • < 1101

Middle and High Schools compete nationally

Middle School enrollment categories:

- 0-500 • 501-800 • 801-1000 • < 1001

High School enrollment categories:

- 0-500 • 501-800 • 801-1000
- 1001-1500 • <1501

Prizes

- First-place winners receive a Trex bench
- Each school received a participation award made from Trex materials