

# Silage wrap & twine recycling

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What plastic can I recycle?

Currently we can provide a recycling service for silage wrap, bunker bags, grain socks and twine. Silage netting cannot be recycled - please do not put netting in the plastic liners provided by this program.

### 2. Where can I dispose of my full plastic disposal liners?

The designated project drop-off points are Holbrook, Culcairn, Mullengandra & Burrumbuttock landfill sites. Look for the marked drop-off bins.

### 3. Do I have to use plastic liners as supplied by Holbrook Landcare Network?

Yes. Only these liners will be accepted. Currently we can only get the **RED** twine liners - these can be used for silage wrap, but different plastic types must be separated - its one product for one bag, twine & silage wrap cannot be mixed together in the same plastic liner bag.

### 4. Why can't I mix farm plastics together for recycling?

There are many different types of plastics. Silage wrap and silage covers are made from Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE), whilst bailing twine and feed bags are made out of polypropylene. Each plastic has different properties and melt temperatures, meaning in most cases they cannot be mixed together. Therefore, it is important to separate plastics into different plastic liners at the farm.

### 5. Does the waste plastic have to be clean?

No. Just shake free any debris or excess moisture before placing in the disposal liner.

### 6. Why can't I just burn, bury or store my waste agricultural plastics?

Burning silage wrap releases harmful greenhouse gasses and pollutants into the environment. Whilst storing or burying plastics can pollute groundwater, rivers and streams or can be a choking hazard to wildlife and stock.

### 7. What do the waste plastics get turned into?

Waste plastics are turned into a range of durable replacement products including resin, garden edging and electrical cable cover.

### 8. How long will this project be running for?

The program will finish in April 2020. We are looking for external partnerships which could support this project well into the future.

### 9. Where can I collect more plastic disposal liners?

You can collect plastic disposal liners from the Holbrook Landcare office, Culcairn Shire Council or Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre Burrumbuttock. The tip sites will also have liners on hand.