

NexTrex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge

The **Upper Lancaster Community Food Pantry** has been registered to participate in this challenge.

Our goal is to collect 1000 pounds of “plastic film” between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

When this goal is achieved, we qualify to receive a composite bench from the Trex Outdoor Furniture Collection.

One main source of plastic for us, is the film wrap which encases the pallets of food and individual cases of food which arrive at the food pantry monthly. To reach the 1000 pounds, we hope everyone will participate and recycle their plastic film from home.

If you know of a business with lots of plastic film, see if they will contribute as well.

What to collect: All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

- plastic grocery bags (any color)
- bread bags
- bubble wrap and plastic Amazon or other plastic mailing envelopes
- produce and other food bags (marshmallow bag!)
- Ziploc and other recloseable storage bags
- Case over wrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Ice bags
- Pallet wrap and stretch film

...and more...most items will not have a Recycle symbol on them but there are more and more if you look for them.

Where to put your plastic:

Plastic film recycling bins are located in the Pavilion and in Townsend Hall at Trinity Church. There is also a bin in the Parish Hall at St. Mary's Whitechapel.

What happens then:

The plastic is weighed, photographed and taken to a registered plastic film recycling drop-off. Data is then entered online to give us a running total. Debby Tupper currently manages this part of the process.

So...help us qualify for a bench to enhance the outside of the Food Pantry at the Pavilion, and even more importantly, help us keep the Northern Neck cleaner and a better environment for us, for the animals and plants, and for future generations.

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