

The Trex Recycling Challenge is Back!

It's time again for the Trex Recycling Challenge at Lyme-Old Lyme Schools. Students may bring clean, dry, and empty plastic film to school where it will be collected and weighed. Trex bins are conveniently located inside all school buildings as well as at Old Lyme Town Hall, Lyme Town Hall, and LYSB. Our goal this year is to collect 5,000 pounds of film and to win a bench for each school building.

The Trex Recycling Challenge pits schools against one another in a friendly competition to collect the most plastic for a chance to win Trex benches or other products for schools. Trex Company is a manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing made in-part from recycled plastic film.

Plastic film must be clean, dry, empty, and free of food residue. Generally, if film can be stretched, it's acceptable. Please remove air from pillow-pack bubble wrap. If you see a #2 or #4 recycling symbol on a package, it may be put in a Trex bin. See below for examples of what can and can not be recycled in the Trex Challenge.

Participation in the Trex Challenge is a way to promote environmental stewardship, gain awareness of how much plastic is in our lives, and hopefully win a Trex bench for your student's school. To learn more, visit <https://recycle.trex.com/view/educate> to have all of your questions answered.

What can be recycled?

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



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

What can not be recycled (do not include in Trex collection):



Frozen food bags



Candy bar wrappers



Chip bags



Soil/mulch bags



Net/mesh bags

These items are also not to be included:

- Degradable/compostable film
- Pre-washed salad mixed bags
- Pet food bags
- Hot dog or meat wrap packaging
- Six-pack rings
- PPE- Gloves, masks, or protective wear
- Pool covers
- Lamination film
- Silage and hay bags
- Backyard ice rinks
- Vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths
- Bedding or linen packaging
- Shiny, crinkly films like floral wrap