



# Why no Plastic Round-up?

- First, oil prices are extremely low, which makes the use of virgin materials (in this case, petroleum) cheaper and more attractive for plastic manufacturers, as opposed to using recycled plastics.
- Second, the slowdown in China's economy has drastically reduced their consumption of recycled plastic as a feedstock for new products.
- And finally, the strong US dollar has made US exports less affordable in the global marketplace, which has driven especially European companies to source recyclable materials from cheaper parts of the world.

## What can I do?

**Making lemonade out of this disappointing situation could inspire us to pay closer attention to the first two R's: REDUCE & RE-USE.**

**Tips that reduce the vast amount of plastics in our lives can include:**

- Making different buying decisions.
- Avoiding single use, disposable items.
- Letting manufacturers and retailers know you like their product but not the "waste" that comes with it.
- Remember this motto: Use it Up, Wear it Out, Pass it On, or Do Without.

# Local Recycling Options

## Garden Plastics



Lowe's is committed to exploring new opportunities to reduce waste and help consumers do the same. We launched a nationwide Garden Center recycling program in February to help keep rising mounds of plastic plant containers out of landfills.

Generally, curbside recycling programs are unable to accept plastic plant containers, such as pots and hanging baskets. This new program gives consumers a responsible recycling option and makes it easy for them. We provide a cart for stores and customers to return plastic plant trays, pots and tags, regardless of condition. No matter where consumers purchase the plant, they are encouraged to return the materials to a Lowe's Garden Center to be recycled.

"Customers now have a place to take used pots; our suppliers are able to reuse the plastic trays, and recyclable material is diverted from the landfill. Everyone wins with this new program."

The reusable material is sterilized and reintroduced to the production cycle. Serviceable trays are recovered and reused in the growing, shipping and sale of live plants. Material not deemed reusable is crushed, banded and sent for recycling. Check out the full story at:

[http://www.lowes.com/cd\\_Garden+Center+Gets+Greener+With+Recycling\\_283670888\\_](http://www.lowes.com/cd_Garden+Center+Gets+Greener+With+Recycling_283670888_)

## Soft Film Plastic

Go to [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org) and enter your zip code to find participating retailers in your area:

### What to bring to your local drop-off center

Use arrows at right to see more examples.



Please recycle only clean, dry plastic bags and film. Remove receipts or any other items from bags.\* Examples include:

- ✓ Retail, Newspaper, Dry Cleaning, Bread, Produce, and also other Plastic Bags labeled #2 and #4
- ✓ Zip Close Food Storage bags (clean and dry)
- ✓ Furniture and Electronic wrap
- ✓ Plastic cereal box liners (if it tears like paper do not include)
- ✓ Plastic shipping envelopes, including Tyvek®, bubble wrap and air pillows (Remove labels and/or deflate)
- ✓ Product Wrap (used on paper towels, diapers, bathroom tissue, water bottles)
- ✓ Any film packaging or bag that has the How2Recycle Label shown at right

with your local drop-off to see what is accepted.

\*Not all items are accepted at all drop-off locations. Check



NOT accepted at drop-off locations:

NO Degradable/compostable film or bags, pre-washed salad mix bags, or frozen food bags.