

RECYCLING AG FILMS & OTHER AG PLASTICS

Best Management Practices

- **AVOID MUD & MANURE** to the extent possible
e.g., unload on a concrete pad, asphalt, or on high, dry ground.
Consider cutting ag bags at ground level, and separating clean plastic on top from the dirty ground layer
- **SHAKE OFF dirt & debris**
- **SEPARATE different types:** e.g. do not mix baling twine with bale wrap, feed bags with silage bags, drip tape with mulch film, bunker covers or ag bags with bale wrap, rigid plastics with films
- **CUT into pieces** that one person can handle (<50 lb)
- **ROLL DRY FILM into bundles:** tie with strips of the same plastic; stuff bags into a bag of the same type. Stack containers.
- **STORE UNDER COVER:**
clean, dry & out of sun ,
e.g., in a barn, trailer or under a tarp

Life-Cycle Stewardship of Agricultural Plastics
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The Recycling Ag Plastics Project (RAPP) is developing infrastructure and markets for waste film & rigid plastics from dairy, livestock & horticulture. RAPP is a collaboration of Cornell University with agriculture producers and agricultural, environmental, economic development and solid waste/recycling agencies, organizations and businesses.