



Soft Plastic Recycling



It's soft plastic if it **CAN** be easily scrunched into a ball.



Soft Plastic collected should be clean and free from contamination.



Why we should recycle

- The production of soft plastic requires fossil fuels.
- Plastic bag litter contributes to long-term impacts on marine animals, ecosystems and food chains.
- If placed in the co-mingled recycling stream soft plastic gets caught in the sorting machinery causing breakdowns and delays, increasing the cost of recycling.
- Recycling reduces the volume of soft plastic being sent to landfill.



Items that CAN be recycled in the soft plastic recycling stream include:

- Plastic shopping bags
- Shrink/pallet wrap
- Packaging i.e. biscuit packet wrappers, pasta bags, confectionery bags, frozen food bags
- Bread/cereal bags



Items that can NOT be recycled in the soft plastic recycling stream include:

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic containers
- Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets
- Glass
- Rubber
- Paper and cardboard
- Tin cans
- Food waste



What you can do

- The best environmental option is to reduce your use of plastic bags. Take long-life reusable bags when you go shopping.
- Reuse plastic packaging material where possible.
- To recycle soft plastic at UQ, collect your soft plastics and designate an area in your office to store it.
- Log a "waste" request in Archibus www.pf.uq.edu.au/waste to request collection.
- Please store the soft plastic until you have a quantity of it (at least a shopping bag full) before requesting collection.

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