



HANSEN'S IGA PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING PROGRAM SUMMARY

Consumers may deposit clean, dry, empty plastic bags in specially-designed collection bins found at Hansen's IGA. To streamline the process, consumers should inspect bags before depositing into recycling containers, ensuring that all bags are clean and dry and that all receipts and tape have been removed.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL	UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL
▶ Plastic grocery bags	▶ Zipper type bags
▶ Plastic retail bags with string ties and rigid plastic handles removed	▶ Bags with strings or rigid plastic handles
▶ Plastic produce bags, bread bags, cereal bags and frozen food bags with ALL food residue removed	▶ Salt bags
▶ Plastic newspaper wrappers and plastic dry cleaning bags	▶ Soil or mulch bags
▶ Plastic zipper type bags WITHOUT rigid plastic closing mechanism	▶ Plastic food containers
▶ Plastic wrap from paper products (paper towel, etc.)	▶ Plastic bottles
▶ Salt bags with rigid plastic handles removed	▶ Items with food residue
▶ Stretch wrap and shrink film	▶ Bubble wrap
<i>Note: All material must be clean and dry</i>	

PLASTICS RECYCLING FACTS

- ▶ First introduced in the late 1970s, plastic bags today carry 80 percent of the nation's groceries.*
- ▶ With nearly 600 facilities, the Midwest has the highest concentration of plastic recycling facilities in the United States.
- ▶ Carpet, clothing, playground equipment, new packaging and plastic lumber are some of the products that can be made from recycled plastics.
- ▶ Recycling one ton of plastics saves the equivalent of 3.85 barrels of oil.

**Source: American Plastics Council in Arlington, Va.*