

Hello Hainesport Community!

What's the big news?

Starting on September 5th, The Hainesport Community will be participating in a recycling challenge. This Challenge is a **6-Month Challenge** that is through the Company Trex. The Community as a whole has the opportunity to collect **500 lbs.** or **40,500** plastic film and bags. If we reach our goal, Trex will donate a high-performance composite bench to our community which will in turn be donated to the school as "Buddy Bench".

So...What is a Buddy Bench?

A Buddy Bench is just a bench. But what it represents is so much more! Use of the Buddy Bench is a very simple concept, created as a way to foster friendships and eliminate loneliness on the school playground. It provides children with the opportunity to understand and practice kindness and inclusion.

When children are feeling lonely or left out on the playground, they can go sit on the Buddy Bench, sending a clear message to other kids that they want to talk or play. Two children might find themselves on the Buddy Bench at the same time and this can initiate an interaction, maybe even spark a friendship. The one simple rule? If someone comes up and asks the child to talk or play, the child must say yes!

How can you participate?

We will have two recycling bins in our community for you to drop of your plastic bags and plastic film starting **April 18th**. Those locations will be at the Hainesport Township Municipal Complex (For all Residents) and at the Hainesport Township Elementary School (If you have Children at the school and would like to send it in with them) and will be labeled specifically for this type of Recycling. We will start collecting now but officially start the challenge in September when the School Year Starts!

As we weigh the amounts monthly, we will post it on our website and mobile app to keep everyone up to date!

There are attached flyers of what types of plastic and films are acceptable and those that are not.

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact the Township Recycling Coordinator, Jen Koutsouris by email Jkoutsouris@hainesporttownship.com or by phone 609-267-2730 ext 114.

This is something we can continue to do as a community every 6 months!

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG



FROM THE STORE



✓ Produce bags

✓ Store bags

✓ Ice bags



FROM YOUR PANTRY



✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags

✓ Cereal box liners

✓ Case overwrap

✓ Bread bags



FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR



✓ Newspaper sleeves

✓ Dry cleaning bags

✓ Bubble wrap

✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

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

DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS IN NEXTREX® PROGRAMS



**FROZEN
FOOD BAGS**



**CANDY BAR
WRAPPERS**



**CHIP
BAGS**



**NET OR MESH
PRODUCE BAGS**



**PET FOOD
BAGS**

OR THESE

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

DON'T SEE YOUR ITEM ON THE LIST?

Try these tests to see if your plastic is acceptable or not.

See if the package will stretch when you pull it. If yes, it can be included. If it tears like paper, then please don't put in the bin.

Is the package shiny or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound in your hand? If yes, do NOT recycle in the NexTrex® bin.