

Edelweiss Recycling Committee

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www.wastewisemethow.com/recycling-guide

www.methowrecycles.org

Educational Topic: PLASTIC PACKAGING

PLASTIC PACKAGING IS COMPLICATED!



**NO PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC WRAP OR PACKAGING
can go into WasteWise Blue Bins.**

Even if a plastic bag says "Recyclable" on it, it can not go in the blue WasteWise bins!

If you want to recycle your plastic bags and plastic wrap, here are some options:

- Grocery bags can be taken to Safeway or Walmart in Omak or to grocery stores on the westside.
- Stretchy plastic bags (#4) or wrap that is mostly clear can go to Methow Recycles in Twisp. (Some ink is ok. Paper labels glued to the plastic are o.k.)
- See examples with photos in the following boxes.

The photos below show clear stretchy plastic that can go to the Methow Recycles in Twisp. What is “stretchy plastic”? Push your finger into the plastic, if the plastic does not break but stretches, it is Stretchy Plastic! Clear bubble wrap falls in this category, as does clean dry plastic wrap (aka saran wrap). The stretchy plastic bags and wrap must be **MOSTLY** clear/transparent, **CLEAN and DRY**.



The colored bags in these photos are garbage because the color contaminates the recycling process. Frozen veggie bags often have colored bases. These bags can **NOT** go to Methow Recycles in Twisp.



The bags in these photos are garbage. They are Cellophane or “Crinkly” Plastic - you know, the kind that makes noise. This includes #5 bags like what spinach comes in.



Mailing envelopes lined with bubble wrap are garbage. However, The Daily Business in Twisp takes them. Call (509) 997-3625 to be sure.

