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Title	Are plastic bags and plastic wrap recyclable at home... or not?
Copy	With so many items to sort, it can be confusing to know what is and isn't recyclable. For plastic bags – and their pesky counterpart, plastic wrap – the answer is clear: they cannot be recycled at home. They belong in the trash.

Reduce or reuse

While you can't recycle plastic bags at home, you can help reduce waste by reusing them or reducing how many you use. Try to switch to items like reusable bags that can be used for years.

When you do get plastic bags, try reusing them. Even if you reuse your plastic bags just once, you'll end up using half as many. Be sure to keep bags in a place where you'll remember them, like your car or kitchen.

Recycle right!

To protect the environment and reduce waste, it's important to learn how to recycle right. Next time you come across an item and aren't sure if it's recyclable, visit recycleornot.org or check out @recycleornot on Instagram. Recycle or Not is a new resource for home recyclers in the greater Portland area. It focuses on some of the most confusing items and tells you whether you can recycle them at home.

If you check out Recycle or Not but still aren't sure if the item is recyclable, throw it away. It may feel wrong, but remember that you're protecting the environment by keeping trash out of your home recycling bin.