

# Can Plastic Shopping Bags be Recycled?

## Yes and No!



### Where can plastic bags be recycled?

Plastic shopping bags can be recycled at special collection bins at major grocery stores. **Plastic shopping bags should NOT be placed in your kerbside recycling.** On collection day, your bin may be rejected if your recyclables are placed in plastic bags.

### Why shouldn't you place plastic shopping bags in your kerbside recycling bin?

Plastic shopping bags can quickly jam the rotating parts of the recycling processing plant. This can stop plant operations for extended periods of time. To avoid this problem, plastic bags are collected separately in special bins at most major grocery stores. Plastic shopping bags collected at these points are taken to a processing plant specifically designed to handle lightweight, non-rigid plastic material. Bags are melted into plastic pellets which are then used to make new products, including plastic shopping bags and hard plastic items, like park benches and bollards.



### What type of plastic bags can be recycled?

Grocery styles plastic bags can be recycled, while boutique plastic bags and biodegradables or compostable bags cannot be recycled, because they can potentially contaminate plastic recycling program and reduce the quality of the recycled resin plastic.



✓ YES!  
Grocery style bags



X NO!  
Boutique style bags



X NO!  
Biodegradable or compostable bags

**Where is the location of plastic Bag Recycling Station  
near you?**

**Woolworths**

**\* *Marrickville***

34 Victoria Road, Marrickville NSW 2204  
463 Illawarra Road, Marrickville, NSW, 2204

**\* *Leichhardt Marketplace***

Cnr Marion & Flood Street  
Leichhardt, NSW, 2040

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**Coles**

**\* *Ashfield***

260A Liverpool Road, Ashfield NSW 2131

**\* *Earlwood***

5- 15 Clarke St, Earlwood, NSW 2206

**\* *Broadway Shopping Centre***

1 Bay St - Ground Floor, Broadway, NSW, 2007

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**Franklins**

**\* *Rockdale***

21-25 King St, Rockdale, NSW, 2216

**\* *Summer Hill***

9 Hardie Ave, Summer Hill NSW 2130

**\* *Ashfield***

Shop 401 Ashfield Mall 260A Liverpool St, Ashfield, NSW, 2131

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