

# RECYCLING AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS PROJECT

## Life Cycle Stewardship of Agricultural Plastics

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Developing infrastructure and markets for waste film and rigid plastics from all sectors of agriculture.  
RAPP is a collaboration of Cornell University with agricultural producers and with organizations, agencies and businesses supporting agriculture, environmental protection, sustainable economics, and recycling.

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## Registering Sites Where Plastic Will Be Stored: NYS DEC Forms & Instructions

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NYS DEC, Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials requires registration of facilities where plastics (or other materials) will be stored for recycling. This requirement applies to farms as well as other places where agricultural plastics are brought and left for baling as well as locations where finished bales will be stored while awaiting transport to market. (Details at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4404.html>)

### Registration Process:

- Fill out and have the landowner sign the one-page **Registration Form for a Solid Waste Management Facility**  
(Download from NYS DEC: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials\\_minerals\\_pdf/360regform.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/360regform.pdf)).
- Instructions on the Registration Form refer to making four copies, keeping one and submitting three. However, at least some of the Regional DEC offices accept electronic forms via email. Check with your Regional DEC office (DEC regional offices are listed on page 2 of the registration form).
- Annual reports are also required. Use the NYS DEC form **Annual Report Form-Recyclables Handling & Recovery Facility, Annual Report**.  
(The relevant section for reporting plastics is on page 7 of the August 2012 version of the form. Most of the rest of the form will be left blank. Download from:  
[http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials\\_minerals\\_pdf/rhrfannrt.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/rhrfannrt.pdf))
- Submit signed copies of the forms to the appropriate Regional DEC office (Regional NYS DEC offices and the counties in each region are listed on the forms).
- After submitting the form, the registered facility will receive a copy of the form with a registration number in the upper right corner. Another copy of the numbered form will be sent by the regional office to NYS DEC in Albany.

### Exemptions and Exceptions:

- Material generated on a farm can stay on the farm indefinitely, without needing to register (Exemption 360-1.7(b)(1)).
- Additional registration is not needed if the plastic is going someplace that is already registered.
- RAPP has been told that the initial 60-day limit for keeping recyclables at registered facilities will usually be extended as long as the material is on its way to be recycled.
- Facilities that store solid waste and recyclables on an ongoing basis have permits (rather than simply being registered). Permitted facilities (e.g., MRFs and transfer stations) have more flexibility for how long and how much material can be stored.