

# RECYCLING HORTICULTURAL MULCH FILM, GREENHOUSE COVERS etc.

## *BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES*

- **SHAKE OFF soil & debris**  
Split mulch film down the middle and roll away from plants.  
Brush or shake off stones, clumps of soil, and plant matter.
- **CUT into pieces** that one person can handle ( $\leq 30$  lb).
- **ROLL or FOLD DRY FILM into bundles**  
the size of a BEACH BALL (or FOLD to  $\sim 1.5' \times 2.5'$ ). Tie with strips of the same plastic, if necessary. Stuff bags into a bag of same type.
- **SEPARATE different types**  
Do not mix products in the same bale (*e.g.* separate drip tape from mulch film). Separate clean films from dirtier (*e.g.*, bale mulch film separately from greenhouse/hoop house covers). No PVC accepted.
- **STACK nursery pots & trays**  
Knock out loose soil. Stack and tie onto a pallet.
- **CHEMICAL CONTAINERS:** triple rinse to clean
- **LABEL BALES & PALLETS:** write the type of material, date and contact name/phone/location.
- **STORE UNDER COVER:** clean, dry & out of sun, *e.g.*, in a barn, trailer or under a tarp.

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### *RECYCLING AG PLASTICS PROJECT*

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