

GMU's Plastic Film Recycling Challenge 2025!

There will be two collection dates at school:

Saturday, February 1: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, April 12: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

(Please do not send plastic in with students in between these dates)

****FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR VOLUNTEERS,
PLEASE ONLY BRING CLEAN AND DRY PLASTIC****

We are also in need of volunteers to help transport plastic collections to Otsego Reuse Center on 2/1 and 4/12. Please contact Ashley Hughes (ahughes@gmucsd.org) to volunteer.

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton is once again taking part in the Otsego County Conservation Association's Plastic Film Recycling Challenge! Students and community members may bring recyclable plastic film to school on the above dates. These items can only be recycled through take-back programs offered by grocery stores and retailers in NYS.

The goal of the Challenge is to educate the community on the proper recycling of plastic grocery bags and other plastic film items, which cannot be recycled through regular curbside recycling programs.

Grades will be competing against one another to collect the most plastic film to earn a prize. GMU is also competing against other schools in Otsego County to collect the most plastic film per capita.

**Plastic film will ONLY be collected and weighed from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
on Saturday, February 1, and on Saturday, April 12.**

Please bring ONLY acceptable Items (must be CLEAN and DRY):

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Case overwrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Ziploc & other reclosable bags
- Produce bags
- Bubble wrap
- Salt bags
- Cereal bags

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THIS LIST. COLLECTIONS WITH NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC FILM CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miss Hughes (ahughes@gmucsd.org).

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Grocery Bags



Ziploc/resealable Baggies



Bread Bags



Wood Pellet Bags



Plastic Casing/Shrink Wrap



Produce Bags



Dry Cleaner Bags



Bubble Wrap



Newspaper Sleeves



Salt Bags



Ice Bags



Cereal Bags

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