



Attention Marina Owners

Shrink Wrap: Recycle It!

Plastic shrink wrap is a popular and cost-effective material used by marinas and boat owners to protect boats, personal watercraft and other objects from harsh winter weather conditions, and other harmful elements.

It does, however, present a serious waste disposal problem, since there are limited recycling options for the hundreds of tons of shrink wrap discarded from vessels each spring. Recycling keeps the material out of landfills already nearing capacity and reduces the chance that plastic material will end up in open water creating a marine debris concern.

How to prepare the shrink wrap for recycling

- ♻️ Remove all doors, zippers, vents, rope, ribbon strapping (belly bands), and any other non-shrink wrap materials (packing labels, etc).
- ♻️ Doors and vents in good condition can be saved and reused.
- ♻️ Other materials that cannot be reused should be disposed of in the regular trash or proper recycling bins.
- ♻️ Keep shrink wrap **DRY** and free from dirt and other debris that can hinder the recycling process, devaluing the shrink wrap. When rolling the material, keep it as clean as possible. If necessary, roll it on a tarp or other ground covering.

How to roll and store shrink wrap

- ♻️ Roll and tie into a bundle that is between 4'- 5' wide (see diagram). Rolling this way maximizes the amount of space inside the dumpster/recycling container.
- ♻️ Store rolled shrink wrap in a plastic bag or other container to prevent contamination from water, dirt and other debris.

