

December 21, 2018

Re: Resuming Agricultural Plastic/Boat Wrap/LDPE Wrap & Film Recycling Program

**Hope this letter finds you well.**

As you recall, you might have seen a letter from Revolution Plastics stating that they were stopping the emptying of your dumpster(s) and/or removal of ReCapture bags from your farm or business. Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management strongly values this recycling program and is the right thing to do for our environment.

Help is on the way! After long discussions, the recycling service will restart. Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management (PDSWM) has contracted with Waste Management to service/empty your white Revolution Plastics dumpsters and/or removal of full ReCapture bags at your farm or business. Stearns and Otter Tail Counties will be conducting similar activities to ensure recycling dumpsters/ReCapture bags are serviced.

The true cost of running this specialized recycling program is around \$60.00 per location per pickup. The Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Joint Powers Board has approved running this program at **\$25.00 per location per pickup**.

**To keep the program going strong, we will be billing farmers and businesses who participate \$25.00 per pickup.** This will cover a fraction of the programs costs for doing the collection, baling of plastic – sending to manufacturer and advertising the program to other farmers/businesses.

We recognize that your dumpster/ReCapture bags are probably overflowing as many of the farms and businesses were last serviced (by Revolution Plastics) in early summer. Need not worry. Please do your best to stuff all plastic film/wrap into your dumpster(s) and/or ReCapture bags. It might take a few collections to get caught up.



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**Are you OK with paying the \$25.00 per pickup to keep the program running in Pope and Douglas Counties? If so, this is what we need from you.**

1. Contact Pope/Douglas Solid Waste **promptly** to indicate if your farm/business wants to continue recycling your plastic wrap/film. If you do not want to continue the program – let us know so that your dumpster(s) get removed.
2. Your dumpster(s) and/or ReCapture bags will be serviced by Waste Management **every other month**. See enclosed calendar. Please ensure that clear and unobstructed access to your dumpster(s)/ReCapture bags is maintained so that the Waste Management truck can readily provide this service. Only place acceptable items in your dumpster(s) and/or ReCapture bags. Abuse of the program will lead to removal of your dumpster(s).
3. There is also a self-haul option available for smaller producers. The drop off recycling dumpster is located at the Pope/Douglas Recycling Center. **This is a free drop-off option.**
4. Pope/Douglas has a supply of ReCapture bags that can be purchased if your farm/business didn't originally qualify for a dumpster through Revolution Plastics. There are kits that consist of 5 – 96" x 120" 3 mil plastic sacks to stuff the film/wrap into for pickup. Cost for the kits are \$25.00. Contact us for more information.
5. **For ALL inquiries** for payments/pickups/questions on what is accepted and more – simply contact Pope/Douglas Solid Waste. 320/763-9340 or [gogreen@popedouglasrecycle.com](mailto:gogreen@popedouglasrecycle.com). Waste Management is only the collection part of the program and is contracted through Pope/Douglas. **Do not contact Revolution Plastics** about the program as they are no longer involved in collections. Pope/Douglas has contracted with Revolution Plastics to use their dumpsters.

Pope/Douglas wants to thank you for being patient and understanding throughout this process. Please thank your County Commissioners for agreeing to restart this environmentally responsible program for protecting our environment.

Thank you for your role in recycling!

Sincerely,



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