

# Recycle soft plastic here!

To celebrate Earth Week this year, we will be collecting clean and dry soft plastic (bags and wrappers) in a lobby collection box.

## Help Whittier Go Green!



Did you know that **plastic bags are NOT recyclable in our Oak Park bins**? In fact they cause problems at recycling centers and should *\*never\** be put in our regular bins. They **CAN be recycled in special bins** at grocery stores.....and for a short time, at Whittier! Bring your dry, clean plastic bags in for recycling until April 26th.

Ask your kids what BYOBB means - - the Green Team brought in JoeyFineRhyme for an educational assembly all about how we can be good stewards of our planet - - reducing, reusing and recycling bags is one of the ways we can make a difference!



# Recycle soft plastic here at Whittier!

## ACCEPTABLE

Plastic Grocery Bags ◀

Bread Bags ◀

(Dry, Clean, No Food Residue)

Produce Bags ◀

(Dry, Clean, No Food Residue)

Plastic Wrap from Paper Products ◀  
(such as paper towels/toilet paper)

Plastic Zipper Bags ◀  
(with rigid plastic closing mechanism)

Plastic Bubble Wrap ◀

Dry Cleaning Bags ◀

Shrink Wrap ◀  
(such as around boxes)



All bags must be dry and clean with no food residue.

## NOT ACCEPTED

▶ Plastic Food Containers

▶ Plastic Bottles

▶ Plastic Bags with Strings

▶ Frozen Food Bags



NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CART

DO NOT  
**BAG**  
Recyclables

Collecting recyclables in a bag? Empty the contents into the cart.

 Return plastic bags to retailers.

## Why not?

Soft plastics ruin the recycling equipment and get stuck in sorters. If a recycling bin contains plastic bags, Waste Mgmt considers the whole batch contaminated, and the whole load is tossed in the landfill.