

Northern Ontario Plastics Disposal Pilot

On-Farm Participation

The Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture are implementing a 3-year pilot project (2020-2022) for the disposal of used agricultural plastic generated on farms in Northern Ontario. If you are a farmer and want to participate, there are three basic steps:

Step 1

Buy a compactor

- ➔ \$900 per compactor, will be delivered to a central point in the region—the only direct cost of participating in the pilot

Step 2

Bale used plastic

- ➔ single stream of plastic per bale
- ➔ ~500 bales worth of plastic in each
- ➔ tractor spear in compactor plunger for compaction

Step 3

Drop bale (s) off for pick-up

- ➔ hold on to your bales until an annual or semi-annual collection is organized in your district
- ➔ drop off your bale (s) and we manage the rest



As an on-farm participant, your most important job is to *make a good bale*—it may take a bale or two, but we have resources to help. Once you have dropped off your bales at a centralized aggregation site, we will manage the bale from there. Each bale is tracked and traceable back to a specific compactor, helping us manage the overall pilot. Once in a while, we may have a couple of questions about how the overall pilot is going.

The plastic doesn't need to be washed—how you manage the plastic will depend on how you manage your feed, but a quick shake of the plastic will get rid of enough organic matter.

Where is the plastic going? We are currently working with end-users to convert the plastic into products, such as composite boards, and resources, such as fuel and power.

If you would like more information or are interested in getting on our compactor list, contact the **OFA Northeastern Ontario Member Service Representative—Stephanie Vanthof, stephanie.vanthof@ofa.on.ca, 705-622-6049.**

