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**ORANGE COUNTY COLLECTS OVER 500 POUNDS OF PLASTIC BAGS & FILM,  
RECEIVES FREE COMPOSITE BENCH**

ORANGE COUNTY, Va. – As we celebrate America Recycles Day, the Orange County Litter Control Committee is pleased to report that more than 500 pounds of plastic bags and film have been collected at Orange County facilities as part of the NexTrex® Plastic Film Recycling Challenge since the program began in the spring. As a result, we have received our first free composite bench, which has been placed at the Orange County Animal Shelter for use by visitors.

The NexTrex® Plastic Film Recycling Challenge is offered in partnership with Trex Company Inc. and allows many plastic film products such as grocery bags, food storage bags, plastic overwrap, bubble wrap, and more to be recycled into outdoor living products such as deck boards and benches. Recycling these products keeps them out of the Orange County Landfill and our environment.

As the program continues, Orange County is next challenged to collect 1,000 pounds by September 2024 to receive an additional bench.

Residents are encouraged to drop off acceptable plastic items at one of six locations at Orange County offices, including the Gordon Building, the Gordonsville Library, the Landfill (in the office), the Sedwick Building, the Public Works/Parks & Rec. Office, and the Wilderness Library. Look for the white cardboard bins labelled, "Recycle Beyond the Bag." Contributed plastics must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

For more information about locations, hours of operation, and acceptable plastics, please visit [www.orangecountyva.gov/1067/NexTrex-Plastic-Film-Recycling-Challenge](http://www.orangecountyva.gov/1067/NexTrex-Plastic-Film-Recycling-Challenge) or call (540) 672-9600.

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