

TO ALL HAVENWOOD HERITAGE HEIGHTS RESIDENTS DEPARTMENTS and STAFF

PLEASE JOIN OUR SOFT PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING EFFORT!

WHAT IS IT?

HHH began this project in May 2022. We collect soft plastic film to recycle through the Trex Company (www.nextrex.com) which uses it to produce, among other things, composite plastic decking like that recently used on the deck project at the Ruth Somes House.

WHY THE NEED?

No one needs to be reminded that plastic is an ever-growing threat to our environment. But it is not just hard plastics – milk bottles, water bottles, detergent bottles, etc. -- which residents of HHH already are committed to recycling -- but all soft plastics as well. This type of plastic is non-biodegradable and ends up in our household trash in vast amounts as it cannot be recycled with hard plastics, glass, cans, etc. We are talking about grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, clean Ziploc and other re-closeable food storage bags, cereal bags, outer wrap on things like water bottles, paper towels, toilet paper packages, and stretch plastic wrap, etc.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

IT'S SIMPLE --

1. Collect your soft plastic film. Flyers are attached that show **what is** and **what is not** acceptable for this type of recycling.
2. --On the Heritage Heights campus, place it in either white NexTrex recycling bin located between the two dumpsters at the HH Maintenance Shed recycling area.
--On the Havenwood campus, place it in one of five white bins: at the 100's trash kiosk; next to the large recycling dumpster at the back gate; at the 400/500's recycling kiosk; in the Lodge just past the Café on the left; and in the Lodge in the basement at the back exit.

THAT'S IT! YOU'RE DONE! AND A BIG THANK YOU!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

A committee of resident volunteers on both campuses will collect the plastic from the bins and take it to one of the three main grocery stores in Concord – Shaw's, Market Basket or Hannaford's -- which then sends it to their headquarters for shipping to Trex Company in Winchester, Virginia. When collect 1,000 pounds of soft plastic in a twelve-month period, Trex Company gives us a bench for our community. If we don't collect that much, no bench, but we'll have the satisfaction of knowing we have done something good, something more, for our environment.

WISH TO BE PART OF THIS VOLUNTEER EFFORT OR WANT MORE INFORMATION?

On the Heritage Heights campus call Linda Ottery, 678-231-8859. On the Havenwood campus call Mary Edick, 603-333-2137.