

Shrink Wrap

Potential Environmental Impacts:

Shrink wrap is a low-density polyethylene cocoon used to protect boats during the winter. Shrink wrap is not biodegradable, and can become a disposal problem at landfills or trash to energy plants.

Legal Requirements:

- Shrink wrap must be managed as solid waste [CGS §22a-207(3)]. See Appendix D for more information.

Best Management Practices:

- ★ Use and encourage customers to use reusable or recyclable boat covers.
- ★ Recycle used plastic covers. Check if your shrink wrap manufacturer will recycle their used product. Some companies recycle used shrink wrap. The following list is not comprehensive and the CT-DEP does not endorse these vendors or services over any others:
 - ▶ Buffalo Shrink Wrap, 11342 Main Street, East Amherst, NY 14051, (800) 792-8819, www.buffaloshrinkwrap.com
 - ▶ Dockside Boat Reconditioning, (401) 351-7130, (800) 898-7206, www.canvaslink.com/cnews.htm
 - ▶ Dr. Shrink, 1606 State Street, Manistee, MI 49660-1855, (800) 968-5147, dfshrink@dr-shrink.com, or www.dr-shrink.com
- ★ Coordinate a regional recycling pickup of used shrink wrap with your waste hauler.

Checklist for Clean Marina Certification:

- ✓ Do you recycle used shrink wrap or encourage customers to cover their boats with reusable material?

YES NO N/A



shrink wrap may reduce overall waste disposal costs, and may prevent future regulations limiting shrink-wrap usage and disposal.