



Southern Pines Civic Club

Who: The project is spearheaded by the Southern Pines Civic Club, with support from partner organizations and community members.

What: [NexTrex® Recycling Challenge](#). In this project, a community organization has 12 months to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic film, such as plastic grocery bags, and turn it in to earn a composite bench from [Trex®](#) (manufacturer of decking, railing, furniture and other outdoor products made from recycled materials).

When: Begin saving film now! On October 1, Southern Pines Civic Club will start the 12-month clock ticking by beginning to collect and turn in plastic film items.

Where: Collections will take place at community gatherings and partner organization meetings. In addition, there will be three collection sites open to the public for individual drop-off. Beginning October 1, check our website for site locations:
<https://www.southernpinescivicclub.org/community.html>.

Why: Take action to keep plastic film out of the trash and out of the environment; raise awareness of the amount of plastic film that we use; recycle plastic film to make a useful product; create a potential system to sustain future collections; earn a bench to place in the Southern Pines Civic Club Garden as part of the 100-year celebration of the 1925 historic Club building.

How: The Club will collect at their meetings, programs open to the public, and events. Club members will connect with other community organizations as partners to collect at their gatherings. Email us at spcivicclub@gmail.com if your organization would like to partner by collecting at your meetings or among your members. To sustain the project, the Club envisions creating this model as the first community collection. A partner organization can then spearhead the next round, and so forth. Each organization can earn a bench to be placed at their own location or elsewhere in the community.

Thank you!