

*U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii – Environmental Compliance Guide*

# CHIP BAGS

## (Snack wrappers and soft plastic/mixed packaging)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Many snack bags are made from mixed materials, usually consisting of plastic and metal (aluminum). This makes it nearly impossible to recycle these items. There are “upcycling” opportunities where companies or individuals turn chip bags into new items like wallets, clipboards, or reusable bags.

### WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Chip bags and other soft plastic/composite snack packaging are NOT recyclable in your single-stream recycling bins and cannot be brought to the Army Recycle Center (ARC)

### HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

- **Reduce:** Where possible, reduce the items that you purchase with this type of packaging. Buying in bulk may also reduce packaging vs. buying chips in portion size.
- **Trash:** Chip bags and other snack wrappers must be placed into a trash bin. These items CANNOT be placed in the single-stream recycling bins and CANNOT be brought to the ARC.



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