

Instructions for Use



A helpful guide for using Silawrap.

This guide will cover the best conditions to store, bale and wrap different types of bales as well as how to safely use and dispose of your Silawrap film.

1. Storing your Silawrap Film

Rolls must be handled with care to avoid damage, especially to the roll ends. If a roll shows signs of damage on delivery it must be retained for inspection, together with all packaging and labels. All damage must be reported to the supplier within three working days of delivery. For best results store at 20 to 30 degrees centigrade for 48 hours prior to use. This will improve tack. Keep it in its bag and box until time of application. Do not leave film in direct sunlight.

2. Baling your crops

Bales should be evenly shaped. Density must be uniform and there should be no soil contamination.

- The recommended dry matter is 25% to 70%
- Wrap bales within 2 hours of baling and do not wrap in the rain
- Density must be uniform and there should be no soil contamination. Do not use impregnated sisal twine or acid additive.

3. Wrapping with Silawrap silage film

Round Bales	Square Bales
Film should be applied to the centre of the flat part of the bale. This will ensure the even application of the film. A minimum of four layers of film should be applied to all parts of the bale. Six layers should be applied if grass dry matter is 35% or greater. Film should be stretched by no more than 70%. Some wrappers are set at 55% stretch for hotter climates.	A minimum of 6 layers should be applied using a 65% geared pre stretch unit.



4. Storing your wrapped bales

- Wrapped bales should be moved to a secure, bird-protected storage point immediately after wrapping.
- Bales should be stored on an even surface, free of all sharp objects and at least 10 metres from any water course. Care should be taken if storing bales on concrete.
- Stack bales no more than three high with heavy bales stacked on the ground no more than two high.

- Use a purpose-built bale handler cleaned of rust. Do not use bale spikes.
- Put net on bales to prevent bird damage, erect stock proof fencing and practice vermin control.
- Inspect bales weekly for signs of bird, cat or vermin damage. Use a quality UV stabilised tape to cover any damaged bales.
- Use bales within 12 months of wrapping.

5. Safety and Silawrap in your farmyard

- Rolls are heavy, take care when lifting rolls.
- Wear ear protection when wrapping if noise levels exceed 90 decibels

6. Disposing safely of Silawrap film

Contact your distributor for details of the silage wrap recovery scheme operating in your area. Film can also be disposed of at an authorised land fill or incineration plant. Film should not be burnt in the open air.

Important Note: Do not allow Silawrap or Mima to come in contact with petrochemical products in store or on the bale.

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