

**Use Your
Own
Shopping
Bag**




Overview

Why are Plastic Bags Harmful?

8 Reasons to Use Your Own
Shopping Bags

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**Why are
plastic
bags
harmful?**



Twelve million barrels of oil
are used to manufacture the
plastic bags consumed in the
United States each year,
according to Waste
Management Northwest.

plastic bag production

The production of plastic bags relies heavily on crude oil and natural gas. These non-renewable resources are being wasted on a product that is non-biodegradable and severely harmful to our planet and its inhabitants.




Plastic Pollution

Since the 1960's, we've been manufacturing and using plastic bags.

Each year, more than **1 TRILLION** plastic bags are produced and quickly become **WASTE**

It is imperative that we find a solution to plastic pollution!

An aerial photograph of a landfill, showing a vast expanse of discarded plastic waste. The ground is covered with a dense layer of colorful plastic bags, fragments, and other debris in shades of red, blue, white, and brown. In the lower center, there are some wooden crates or pallets partially buried in the trash. A semi-transparent orange rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

plastic bags take up a
ton of space in landfills
and take around 1000
years to properly
degrade

"Annually approximately 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide. More than one million bags are used every minute."

<https://plasticoceans.org/the-facts/>



**refusing to use plastic
bags**

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**less harmful plastic in
landfills**

We see plastic bags everywhere!
Whether caught in a tree, floating
around our coast lines, or
slipping out of garbage cans,
plastic bags are a huge symbol
for the rapid growth of
consumerism and pollute nearly
all corners of our beautiful
planet.

By using your own shopping bags you
alone could cut out up to....

20,000

plastic bags



When plastic bags get stuck in trees, small animals can get trapped in them, resulting in even more deaths from our reckless consumption habits.

Marine life is extremely impacted by our plastic use. Sea turtles and birds often mistake plastic bags for food and even get tangled in them with no way to escape.



**Using Your Own
Shopping Bags**

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Saving More Animals

8 reasons to use your own shopping bags

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01

Save Money



this

←

instead

↘ **of**

this



Plastic

Bags

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Reusable

Bags

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Investing a few dollars into a reusable bag can go a long way when you think about the growing charge for plastic bags.

Less Plastic Bags

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\$ More Savings \$

The average
American family
uses around 1,500
plastic bags a year.
If you estimate that
each bag costs 5
cents, that's around
\$75 per year
wasted



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Durability

With reusable bags,
your purchases are way
more likely to survive
the trip to and from the
store and you will not
have to worry about a
handle snapping or
tearing mid walk home.



Leaks are a thing of the past with reusable bags as you don't have to worry about a corner cutting into the bag and spilling out any unwanted liquid.



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Comfort

Reusable bags are typically way more comfortable as they come in many forms and are often over the shoulder bags.



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Multipurpose



Reusable bags can essentially be used for anything. Functioning as a tote bag, try using your reusable bags for storing old clothes, carrying books to and from the library, or even to carry your snacks and towels for a trip to the pool.

Storing reusable
bags is easy
because they are
stackable!



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Cleanliness

Car seats and clothes can remain stain free with reusable bags. These sturdy bags are designed to prevent leakage and keep all spills within the bag.





Even with the occasional spill, reusable bags can be kept clean with a quick wipe down or rinse.

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It's Easy!

**Pick up a reusable bag
the next time you're out
shopping!**



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grocery store
has reusable
bags for sale!

Shopping online for reusable bags is easy with a wide variety of colors, styles and brands to choose from.





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reusable bags in the
car in case you
forget!

07 **Impact**

Using Reusable Bags

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**Saving Important
Natural Resources**

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Education

People follow
people! By joining
the movement and
refraining from
plastic bag use,
people will see you
an example and
want to join in!



**How can you
make a
difference?**

It may seem small, but switching to reusable bags has a measurable impact on the health and wellbeing of our planet and its inhabitants. Make the switch today!



Where can you find reusable bags?

Almost every grocery store has reusable bags for sale!

Shopping online for reusable bags is easy with a wide variety of colors, styles and brands to choose from.

to learn more...

go to <https://plastic-pollution.org> to get
more useful information on how you can
become involved



Thank You

FOR BEING A PIONEER OF
CHANGE AND CREATING A
WORLD THAT IS KIND TO ITS
PEOPLE AND ITS HOME

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