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Use Recyclable Bags

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*Facts on Single Use  
Plastic Bags  
Choose Reusable Bags*



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*Environmental Education at its best!*

The Township, Public Works, and the Environmental Committee/Green Team will educationally teach residents, through a variety of practices, how to drastically reduce plastic pollution. This will include the need to discourage single use plastic bags and encourage the use of reusable bags for shopping at local establishments.

### Facts:

- “It is estimated that there are over 500 BILLION plastic bags used annually throughout the world.
- The average American family accumulates 60 plastic bags in only four trips to the grocery store.
- Single-use bags made from low-density polyethylene (LDPE) or high-density polyethylene (HDPE) may last for 1,000 years or more if landfilled.
- Only 5-10% of these bags are recycled, and those that do end up in the recycling stream (unless it is a targeted program) cause single stream recycling equipment to jam and delay the processing of other recyclables.
- A substantial quantity of these bags ends up on our roadsides, in our trees, in our storm drains and, consequently, in our waterways; where they can be devastating to marine life.
- Plastic bags are made from a non-renewable resource; and the manufacturing process of single-use paper bags is water-intensive.

- Additionally, both single-use paper and plastic bags are costly for retail stores to purchase and that cost is passed on to customers.”

- ✓ 4.5 billion plastic grocery bags are used annually in New Jersey alone.
- ✓ 1000 years is the maximum time it takes one plastic bag to break up.
- ✓ 8 million tons of plastic is dumped into our oceans each year.

Source: Parsippany-Troy Council

### One cloth bag saves:

- 6 plastic bags a week
- 24 bags a month
- 288 bags a year
- 22,176 bags in an average lifetime

Reference: Heritage Environmental Services  
Sustainable Jersey

**“Recycling Efforts Alone is Not Effective Only 5-10% of plastic bags are recycled in the United States. In New York, which has had a plastic bag recycling law since 2009, recycling rates have not significantly improved. The solution to the plastic bag problem is not recycling, it’s reduction.”**

Reference ANJEC

### **Stop Plastic Bag Pollution in Wall Township Switch to Reusable Bags!**

**“At every stage of its lifecycle, plastic poses distinct risks to human health, arising from both exposure to plastic particles themselves and associated chemicals. The majority of people worldwide are exposed at multiple stages of this lifecycle.”**

Source: © CIEL/NonprofitDesign.com

### Tips for Using Reusable Bags

- Decline the use of plastic bags and bring your own reusable bags instead. Discourage the cashier from asking customers if they want a plastic bag when it is not needed or necessary.
- After you unload your purchases in the house, bring the reusable bags right back out to your car.
- Retailers such as Costco, Aldi, Whole Foods, and other establishments that do not use plastic bags will give residents the confidence that they need to use their own reusable bags easily.



- Keep cardboard boxes in your trunk for storing and separating items. When shopping, have one bag for produce and meats and another bag for “clean” items.
- Ensure that residents use the town’s free reusable bags provided to them at special events.
- Don’t forget to wash the bags in a mild detergent every week or two to avoid bacteria.
- Attend workshops and meetings, watch videos, and share ideas on plastic bag pollution with your Environmental Committee and other residents.

For additional info, contact Wall Township Public Works at 732-449-2700, ext 5.

Keep Wall Township sustainable through reduce, reuse, and recycle concepts.