

SINGLE USE BAG TIPS

Refuse. Don't accept any unnecessary plastic or paper bags for large items, such as jugs of milk or juice, or small items that can be easily carried or placed in another bag.

Reuse. Plastic bags can be reused for lining trash cans, disposing of pet waste, and in other practical ways.

Responsibility. When using plastic bags to dispose of trash, remember to tie the handles shut before placing them into the trash bin. This will keep contents from spilling out, and prevent bags from becoming airborne and ending up on streets, in waterways, open spaces, or the ocean.

Recycle. Return any extra plastic bags to the grocery store and place them in the plastic bag recycling bin.

For more information, visit:
www.BragAboutYourBag.com

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(888) CLEAN LA

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SINGLE USE BAG REDUCTION & RECYCLING PROGRAM



Take Reusable Bags
when Shopping

Please Don't Litter

Conserve Natural Resources

Set a Good Example
for your Community

THERE ARE MANY **GOOD** REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR REUSABLE BAGS TO THE STORE

BAG FACTS

- Each year, about six billion plastic carryout bags are consumed in Los Angeles County. Only about 5% of these bags are recycled.
- When plastic carryout bags are littered they could enter the oceans and harm marine life.



Courtesy of the Whale Rescue

- Each year, the County spends over \$18 million on cleanup, enforcement, and litter prevention.
- Paper carryout bags are not the most environmentally preferred alternative because of the amount of energy and water used to manufacture them.
- By taking your Reusable Bags to stores, you can conserve natural resources and reduce the potential for litter.



The **Single Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program** was adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on January 22, 2008.

The Program is a collaboration among stores, environmental groups, bag manufacturers, local government, and the public.

The goal is to reduce litter and waste generated from single-use carryout bags, through initiatives such as promoting reusable bags, recycling plastic and paper bags, and expanding anti-litter campaigns.

REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR REUSABLE BAGS WHEN YOU SHOP

- Place your Reusable Bags by the door, near your car keys, or with your store coupons.
- Jot a reminder down on your shopping list.
- Keep some Reusable Bags in the car, or near your bicycle.
- Put a note on the refrigerator.
- Have some Reusable Bags at the office.
- Take Reusable Bags to grocery stores, the mall, and on all other shopping excursions.

