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## Best Reusable Shopping Bags & How You Can Save Money Simply By Using A Reusable Shopping Bag

Everyone these days is offering fun **reusable shopping bags** for sale. So what makes one reusable bag different from the next?

Well, lot's of things — actually. For starters:

- Colors
- Shapes
- Sizes
- Compact size
- Durability
- Flat-bottomed



In the end, it all comes down to personal choice.

For example, the most important features to me are a larger than normal size that also compacts small (or at least perfectly flat). Bonus points if it can stand open on its own, thanks to a flat bottom — similar to a paper sack. My favorite is still the **Walmart reusable shopping bag**.

For the record, in addition to large reusable bags like these, I also like to have a couple of reusable shopping bags that pack up *really* small — so they're easy to carry with you. (The larger ones — like the Walmart bag — I keep in the car.)



Following are some **reasons for using reusable shopping bags, how to save money with them, and where to find them...**

### [The Facts About Plastic Shopping Bags](#)

*The average family brings home 1,000 bags every year. Most of those bags end up in landfills. That really adds up – 100 billion plastic bags are sent to landfill in the US each year. In landfills, it can take up to*

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1000 years for a bag to decompose. Plastics don't biodegrade, they photo-degrade, breaking down into tiny toxic pieces that contaminate soil and water or harm wildlife. [Source](#)

Paper or plastic?... Is there a correct answer to that question?



When it comes to the cost of using plastic bags, facts don't lie. Public agencies in California alone **spend more than \$300 million on cleaning up coastal litter** every year.

If every person in New York City used one less grocery bag, it would cut waste by 5 million pounds and save \$250,000 in disposal costs.

## How To Save Money Using Reusable Bags

So now we know *why* it's a good idea to use reusable shopping bags instead of plastic shopping bags — but *how* does it put money back in your pocket?

### 3 Stores That Offer A Discount For Using Reusable Bags

#1 – **Target**: Offers a **5-cent discount for each reusable bag you bring in**. So far, more than 190 million reusable bags were used instead of paper or plastic shopping bags. Target encourages guests to make reusable bags a regular part of their shopping routine by offering a broad and ever-changing assortment of bags.

#2 – **Whole Foods**: Whole Foods **offers a \$.10 discount with every reusable grocery bag you bring with you** to bag your groceries. Check your [local store for more information](#).

#3 – **Trader Joe's**: Some Trader Joe's stores offer a **\$.05 discount per reusable grocery bag you bring in to use**. Other Trader Joe's stores offer one entry into a weekly raffle for a \$25 Trader Joe's gift card each time you shop with reusable bags. Offers vary by store so [check your local store](#) to find out what their program is.

There are [other stores that offer discounts for using reusable shopping bags](#), but they're not located near me — so I can't personally comment on them.

## Where To Find Fun Reusable Shopping Bags

**ChicoBag:** They produce reusable bags, packs and totes that are great for shopping, travel, organization, outdoor activities and more.

**Flip & Tumble:** I love the fun colors and the way this one scrunches up into a tiny little ball. They call the \$12 reusable shopping bag “the 24/7 bag” because it’s small enough to keep on your person 24/7.

**Reusable Shopping Bags:** These are perhaps the largest collection of reusable shopping bags online.



**Baggu:** Choose your own fun colors, lightweight yet holds 25 lbs – the contents of 3 plastic grocery bags, folds into a flat 5” x 5” pouch, \$10.

**IKEA Big Blue Bag:** Extra large for *big* shopping trips, made of plastic but it’s a great one to reuse, .99 cents.

**EcoBags:** Lots of shapes, sizes, styles, and materials available –\$6 to \$20.

**Amazon Reusable Bags:** an ever-changing inventory of reusable shopping bags and sets of bags in fun shapes, sizes and colors.

## Other Ways To Get FREE Bags

Chances are you’ll probably be looking for sources of FREE reusable grocery bags. I know that I’m constantly on the lookout for the — because you can never have too many reusable bags!

## Tips for finding reusable shopping bags:

- Keep your eye out for **announcements from your favorite stores** and online retailers.
- Oftentimes if you take the time to **answer a survey or take a quiz**, they’ll send you a free reusable shopping bag.
- Some companies will send you one, **just for asking**.
- Environmental groups are participating at the local level, showing up at events and **handing out free reusable shopping bags**.
- **Thrift stores** and **garage sales** often are good places to **grab reusable bags** too.
- And be sure to watch for **other fun specials** and local **freebies on Earth Day!**

## More About Reusable Shopping Bags

In addition to the links I’ve included above, here’s some more information I found to be pretty cool about reusable grocery bags:

- [Reusable Shopping Bag Guide](#)
  - [99 Cent Reusable Shopping Bags At Publix](#)
  - [20 Awesome Uses For Plastic Bags](#)
  - [How To Make A Shopping Bag Out Of A T-Shirt](#)
  - [The Best Reusable Tote Bags \(Recycled & Made In The USA\)](#)
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