

Tips for reducing single-use bags and reusing what you do have



Remember your bag

- ▶ Always start your shopping list with “Bring Bags”
- ▶ Keep a collapsible bag in your purse, backpack, or briefcase
- ▶ Keep bags in your vehicle

Re-use plastic bags

- ▶ Dealing with pet waste: There will still be many plastic bags in circulation. You can continue to use bread bags, produce, bulk, or cereal bags.
- ▶ Lining a garbage can: Line your garbage can with newspaper and rinse it out periodically. Or buy some lightweight plastic bags and reuse them, dumping only the trash into your outdoor garbage can and re-using the liner.

Keep reusable bags clean

- ▶ Cloth bags should be washed in a washing machine using laundry detergent and dried in the dryer or air-dried monthly.
- ▶ Plastic-lined reusable bags should be wiped using hot water and soap and air-dried.
- ▶ Check that both cloth and plastic-lined reusable bags are completely dry before storing them.

To find out more about the Bring Your Bag campaign, please visit eugene-or.gov/plasticbags.

The ban on single-use plastic bags in Eugene starts on May 1, 2013. It's a good reason to sign up for a membership with Beyond Toxics...why? Because for the month of May we offer a FREE durable, organic cotton tote bag for a \$60 membership. [Join now!](#)