

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

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Good afternoon

I just wanted to comment that single use plastic bags are poisoning our environment, choking sea animals, and they don't degrade in landfills - they will still be around hundreds of years from now.

I understand the reasoning behind the in-store recycle bins for the bags, and I have used them. I now have my own reusable shopping bags. Realistically, not enough people bring back their bags for recycling, they just get thrown out into the trash when they are done unloading their purchases, even if they will be going back to the store for more items (Walmart for example, I have only ever seen a few people bringing their bags back, so the rest go into the dump??)

I think the single use plastic bags should be banned altogether - why can we not go back to paper bags? Why do restaurants get a pass on single use bags? They should follow the same guidelines as everyone else, especially now that take out is more prevalent.

Just my two cents. Thank you.

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