

Plastic bags

A simple easy step everyone can take to help clean up the environment:

- Refuse plastic bags for single purchases.
- Take your own bags, basket or box from home when you go shopping, instead of accepting new ones from the stores.
- Reuse small plastic bags for fruit and vegetables if you shop at a supermarket. If you shop at a small shop or in a market, ask the shopkeeper to pack your goods directly into your bag, box or basket, without using plastic bags.
- Keep a few used plastic shopping bags or cardboard boxes in the car for shopping on the way home from work or an outing.
- Keep a spare plastic shopping bag (rolled up and secured with a rubber band) in your handbag or wallet for those times when you thought you would not need a bag, but did.

Did you know that plastic bags take up to 1000 years to decompose on land and 450 in the water ?

