BRING YOUR OWN BAG HILLSBOROUGH

Did You Know?

- It takes 500 or more years for plastic bags to degrade into landfill
- Instead of biodegrading, plastic bags become microplastics that absorb toxins and continue to pollute the environment
- Only 5-10% of bags are recycled
- Many plastic bags end up on our roadsides, in our trees, storm drains, and consequently, in our waterways
- Plastic bags in recycling bins jam up processing equipment and can even shut down recycling center operations

Benefits of Reusable Bags

- Cloth reusable bags are more sturdy and have more capacity to hold heavier and larger items <u>One Cloth Bag Saves:</u>
- 6 plastic bags a week
- o 24 bags a month
- o 288 bags a year
- 22,176 bags in an average lifetime



Reuse & Recycle Plastic Bags

 You can recycle your unwanted plastic bags locally at these participating establishments:

> Lowe's – 315 Route 206 Shop Rite – 601 Route 206 Weis Markets – 315 Route 206

To stay healthy, don't forget to care for your cloth bag by washing it often to eliminate germs

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