

WA Better Bag Guide

Your essential guide to shopping without lightweight plastic bags. Remember to bring your own reusable bags when you go shopping – and keep on reusing them!



SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE

ADVANTAGES



Bags made from recycled plastic water bottles (PET) or poly-propylene. These can be used for many years.



Boomerang Bags – made by community groups from recycled fabric. Washable and can be used for many years www.boomerangbags.org.



Bags made from natural, renewable resources (cotton, canvas or jute). Very durable and can be washed.



Cane baskets are highly durable and can be used for many years.



Insulated bags – keep in the car for cold items. Just wipe clean.



Cardboard boxes are provided in some stores. Can be recycled in your kerbside recycling bin.



Paper bags made from renewable resources. Can be recycled in your kerbside recycling bin.



String bags made from natural, renewable resources (cotton or hemp). Washable and can be used for many years.



Bags made from woven synthetic fibres. These can be used for many years.



CHOOSE TO REFUSE

THICKER PLASTIC BAGS

Made from non-renewable resources (oil or gas) and don't break down in the environment.



BANNED BAGS

LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC BAGS (35 microns or less)

Includes degradable, biodegradable and compostable plastic bags.



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