

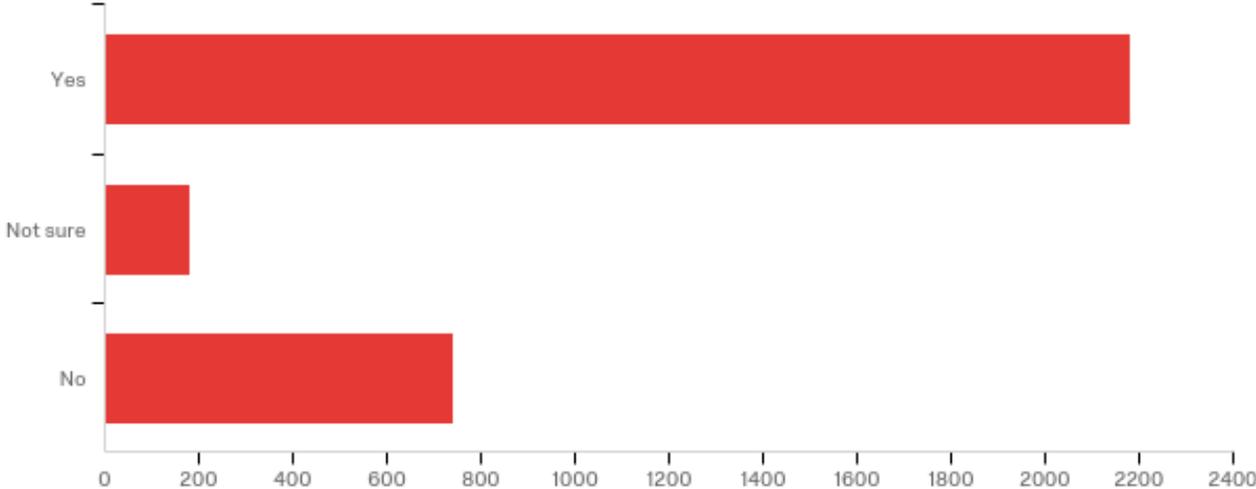
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SWR Questionnaire, (n=3,102)

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Would you support a policy that restricts stores and restaurants from providing single-use plastic carryout bags?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	70.34%	2182
2	Not sure	5.77%	179
3	No	23.89%	741
	Total	100%	3102

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Why or why not?

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Pro - I use them for garbage and other things Con - they are hard to recycle right now. Fix the recycling problem and I would prefer to keep them.

La apoyo porque seria una Buena forma de seguir contaminando nuestro planeta con tanto plastico,

I reuse all my bags from stores.

Obvious reason that single use plastic bags have become a bane.

We can recycle plastic bags

Too many plastic bags now not recycled.

I would support it for stores but not for restaurants.

A string recycling program might encourage recycling. Plastic has sanitary considerations that reused paper and cloth don't.

Plastic is a huge problem and harmful to our environment

It's only for unincorporated WA county. Should be for all areas

Because that way we can avoid having that much plastic and is better for the planet and people learn to be more responsible carrying their own bag for when they need it

There are WAY too many regulations in place these days and the really important ones aren't enforced most of the time. This is not a good idea, not to mention charging anything for a paper bag. Now—if you want to do this the right way—businesses could offer a rebate amount toward the purchase if the customer supplies the bag(s)..

We need to stop throwing plastic in our land fill.

Plastic bags are horrible for the environment, and even if you're able to reuse them at home for picking up dog poo or small trash bins in the bathroom or something else, they still take FOREVER to go away. I'd much rather have a reusable bag or paper bags that are recyclable and have more potential for reuse and know I'm helping the planet than holding onto plastic bags that I know, no matter what I reuse them for, will take so long to degrade and go away. In response to the below question: not only do I use reusable bags, I use things like old laundry bags for delicates and shoe bags as reusable produce bags, and I wash them after "dirty" produce or a few uses. It has not been a hard transition at all, and I save tons of space in my apartment at the same time as I am helping the planet.

I would just have to buy bags for my trash. Seems stupid. I am already upcycling/reusing a product available

I reuse the plastic bags for kitty litter or other uses. When I can no longer use the plastic bags I recycle them at Fred Meyer. I do not inappropriately dispose of them. To prohibit use of single-use plastic bags and then charge for paper bags, which I also reuse until they are no longer viable, would be an imposition.

Single-use plastic is frequently left soiled and are currently unable to be recycled. Replaced with multi-use bags or paper, the plastic can get a few more uses before going into the trash. Paper can be composted or in the less desirable scenario, burned when soiled with food waste. The cities and the county give out thousands of multi-use bags every year for the last few years. I use them frequently. It is more certain that my groceries will get home in one piece than the flimsy plastic my local grocery currently uses. Changing a habit or two won't hurt us if we understand the long-term benefits of changing the habits.

There are many reasons to not ban plastic bags. According to University of Oregon chemistry professor David Tyler: "plastic bags—they produce less greenhouse gas, they use less water and they use far fewer chemicals compared to

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paper or cotton. The carbon footprint— that is, the amount of greenhouse gas that is produced during the life cycle of a plastic bag—is less than that of a paper bag or a cotton tote bag. If the most important environmental impact you wanted to alleviate was global warming, then you would go with plastic”(<https://cascade.uoregon.edu/fall2012/expert/expert-article/>). New scientific thought concludes that plastic bags are not as harmful to the environment as other alternatives. Paper bags are not a better alternative to plastic. In 2005, the U.S. Department of Energy released this information about the paper industry: “Pulp and papermaking requires large inputs of water, energy, chemicals, and wood resources, and produces various wastes and emissions... Impacts on the environment can potentially come from toxic and hazardous chemicals in air and water emissions, thermal loading to natural waterways, odor-causing chemicals, air pollutants from combustion, and solid wastes”(https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/11/f4/pulppaper_profile). Trading paper bags for plastic bags is not protecting our environment, it is actually harming the environment more because the process used to make paper bags is toxic. Lastly, the most critical reason to ban the use of plastic bags is thought to be that it takes thousands of years for them to biodegrade. Landfill data suggests that “No bag – reusable or conventional plastic bag – will degrade in landfill. Modern landfills are designed as low-oxygen environments so that the waste cannot decay. This environment helps to prevent decomposition which produces harmful greenhouse gases like methane and carbon dioxide, as well as leachate, which pollutes ground water and soil. Landfills are not bio-reactors, meaning they are not meant to break materials down to nothing so we can continue to refill. They are designed to entomb or mummify waste”(<http://www.allaboutbags.ca/degradeinlandfill.html>). It is true that plastic bags do not decompose, but this is not as harmful to the environment as once believed. It is better that they don’t fully decompose because of the chemicals that could be absorbed into the soil. Plastic bags should not be banned in Washington County. Scientific reasoning supports that alternatives to plastic bags may be more harmful to the environment. Banning plastic bags will not improve our landfills. There is not an environmental benefit to banning plastic bags from our landfills - they will just be replaced with reusable cotton bags that won’t biodegrade either. Also, people will be forced to buy more plastic bags to replace the ones that they used to get at the grocery store. There will actually be more plastic bag use, not less. The purpose of the ban will be defeated. Also, let’s not do something because “13 other towns and cities in Oregon already have similar policies in place.” Please, let’s have thoughtful, pro-active solutions to our community concerns. Let’s not enforce a policy because other jurisdictions are doing it. Washington County leads the world in creating modern technology. We haven’t achieved this position by copying our neighbors - we innovate and lead because of wisdom. Let us use an introspective approach on this issue and consider new thoughts.

to much plastic in our oceans.....use reusable bags instead of plastic

I re-use all my bags primarily for dog waste. This saves me from using those bags supplied otherwise at public places. The bio-degradable pet waste bags do not work for our circumstance. Thus I want and need all the plastic bags I get from retailers that are the usual default size as at Fred Meyer

I do use them in my small trash cans at home though.

Better for environment.

We use too many plastics.

Plastic is an environmental disaster. It's irresponsible to use plastic, especially for single use items, but unfortunately all to easy to do. We need government leadership to drive the system to other, sustainable solutions.

Because i understand that paper bags are a greener option/easier to recycle and that other developed countries have already implemente similar policies.

Plastic bags are terrible for the environment.

For the environment

Yes. This will help our environment. Also, not that hard to find reusable bags. For families who may not have these and whom the extra fees would effect, Washington County could have a day where they donate bags. Get donations from companies or other entities who give these away at expos for example. I hate to see garbage bags on the street. I recycle them for reuse at home- mostly for cat litter garbage. However I am aware that I am failing since

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these are not compostable. I would commit to purchasing compostable bags if these others are not given to me.

I don't know how the existing or proposed policies are written. I agree with not having plastic bags at grocery checkout. However, I think they should be available for produce, meat, and bulk foods. I also think that restaurants must have some way to let patrons take home wet leftovers - containers can't leak, get soaked, or change the flavor of the food they are holding. Also, if a customer has more than one leftover, getting a handled bag to carry them is important. Even if I remember to bring re-usable bags to the grocery store, I don't always remember to bring them to a restaurant.

Plastic is not biodegradable & is ruining the oceans.

They are inexpensive and convenient

Dont think plastic bags are as problematic as they appear. I shop in Washington county instead of Portland because I can have plastic bags which I re use for different projects and donate the extras to non profit thrift stores.

I try to limit the use of plastic in my home.

Our family re-uses all those grocery bags. If this passes, we will be buying plastic bags for all our small trash and through our home. They are great for daily cleaning out the litter box for our cat.

These Items are clogging our rivers and oceans. They take hundreds of years to compost, where paper products take weeks.

Reusable bags are more sustainable, and help keep plastic pollution out of our environment

Plastics are creating a hazardous and toxic environment for people and animals. Our oceans are in critical condition.

Policy was in Corvallis, a college town, when I went to school and was FANTASTIC and saved a lot of wasted plastic

Reduce the plastic in our Oceans

I am concerned about the impact of so much plastic on the environment

They are convenient.

It's important to the environment that we use less plastics.

I use paper, but I prefer plastic around raw meat packages that leak

Plastic pollution is a huge problem, but forcing people to buy plastic bags (trash for example) is not a fix. Plastic is necessary for leaky items, like turkeys or to go food for example. Reusing bags is not always hygienic either. Encouraging people to reuse is better. Give 10 cents as an incentive. Give nice reusable bags with a minimum purchase. I am sure the retailers are behind this as it is a money maker for them. I pick up plastics when I can. The tops of beverages are a big problem along with straws. I reuse my bags as trash can liners and paper bags I use for paper recycling. How am I going to dispose of my shredded paper when it is windy without a paper bag?

Too messy, too resource wasteful, too much litter, not necessary.

I hate these and have stopped using them. If I cannot carry it out without a bag, I better have brought one of my bags in with me. I refuse to take more plastic

This doesn't change anything. Reusable bags require more resources to produce than they save over their lifetime. I use them, but learned of this only recently. Of you send out a bag to each household you negate your own efforts so definitely don't do that.

I re-use these plastic bags for various things so they are not single-use. If they were restricted, I would just be buying plastic garbage bags instead of re-using plastic grocery sacks. It would be worse for the environment because the garbage sacks would truly be single use while grocery sacks get re-purposed in my household.

Plastics take too many resources to make and take forever to decompose

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Good for the environment on many levels --from curtailing petroleum extraction to reducing litter; will save restaurants and stores \$\$\$ if customers bring our own bags; help spur the adoption of bio-degradable food packaging, which will reduce waste in overcrowded landfills AND encourage beneficial compost recycling

We use single-use bags for multiple things and the idea that banning the bags will provide much tangible benefit to the environment is laughable.

There are bigger fish to fry than a plastic bag. Many people reuse these as garbage bags. Stupid idea!!!!

single use plastic is just one of the many things contributing to environmental pollution.

Bad for the environment

Because it is time!!!! The climate situation needs all possible changes implimented NOW.

Environmental protection is why I agree.

I see too many littering the countryside, along roadways or caught in shrubs or fences. There are reusable alternatives. I recycle mine to use as garbage bags but this just means they end up in a landfill and don't decompose well.

Plastics are destroying our environment, and eventually us as well. I use as reference the studies showing the tons of gross plastics as bags, bottles, nets, et.al. taken from the oceans. Then the environmental plastics, (fine particles ingested by fish and birds) that find their way into our food supply. It is time to curtail the contamination.

There is no reason for people not to bring their own reusable bags. We are putting too many plastic items into our landfill.

It's environmentally responsible.

Would it also ban use of compostable bags? If so, then I'm in favor.

Plastic is less recyclable than paper.

I keep them and re-use them for other things.

I would cut down on plastic waste. People tend to forget the phrase "reduce, reuse, recycle" -- we wouldn't have to spend nearly as much effort recycling them if they weren't produced in the first place.

Because unfortunately plastic bags do not degrade in a timely manner and many folks do not bother to recycle them - an who knows if the are really recycled when placed in a recycling bin.

reduce waste and harm to wildlife

Plastic bags difficult to recycle

To me, they're not single use bags. I use them for any number of things, mostly for small garbage bags, litter bags; but also use them for separating things and containing things that I don't want to spread, like dirt from germinating baby plants. But then, I'm a big reuse, recycle, repurpose person, so maybe that makes me an in the minority?

The earth is harmed by our casual use of plastics. The Recylers are challenged by the inclusion of plastic bags in our recycling bins, they get caught in the machinery.

All though there are many, many uses for the bags after you bring them home, a lot of people toss them in the street or garbage. Worse yet, they try to throw them in the home recycle bin and bog up the recycling system, causing delays and increased cost to the consumer. Besides, we lived without them not so long ago!

I cannot afford to pay extra for paper bags. They rip and tear. I use the plastic bags many many times over again. They are especially precious in my world of creating and making painting on paper and those plastic bags protect the paintings from the rain as I transport them around.

Absolutely not. First, plastic bags perform far better than paper bags. They are also re-usable around the house for trash can liners, pet duty while walking, travel containers, etc. In all cases plastic bags far out-perform paper bags. I am an environmentalist and like trees much more than re-cycled plastic. For the past decade I have refused to use paper bags & ALWAYS choose plastic.

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Eliminates a significant amount of plastic waste.

They are not necessary and there are so many better environmentally friendly alternatives.

Any steps to reducing our reliance on plastics will be crucial for the protection of our environment and humankind as we know it.

No brainer, they are a major environmental waste component and totally unnecessary.

The benefits of the bags outweigh the negatives.

Our environment is being destroyed and overrun by plastic waste. Any way we can eliminate any of it will help.

It's ridiculous. What a hassle.

Single use plastic bags are a big threat to wildlife, and an eyesore when people do not properly dispose of them. Often they do not.

It's time

This would be a good first step in giving some "power" to the citizens to make some small (albeit very small) contribution toward slowing climate change.

because plastic is destroying our environment

Horrible for the environment and costly for garbage and recycling centers to deal with

We have to do something about the environmental impact of plastics. This is one small way to make a difference.

Plastic bags obviously endanger and have an enormous negative impact on our environment, and are not conducive to positive sustainable habits of "reduce and reuse".

This works to dramatically cut down on single use plastic and force awareness - there are many examples in Europe. It's a good start! Now let's put pressure on manufacturing and produce companies to eliminate all the unnecessary packaging too.

I refuse all of my plastic bags sometimes multiple times. My last use is as a garbage bag. It saves having to BUY PLASTIC bags for the garbage.

I think it's the only way to get people to reduce their use of plastic bags. Offering paper at a price is an extra incentive to remember to bring your reusable bags

This is ridiculous. I can get 1000 plastic bags at amazon for under 20 bucks. That is my plan.

We really have to do something for the environment. All single use plastics should be restricted. Thank you.

Plastic bags can be unsightly litter as well as a problem for recyclers who report the number one problem is plastic bag jamming of their machines. Plastic won't break down in landfills. I don't mind having my own reusable bags.

Yes because there are many good substitutes for plastic products that are much less harmful

I know and believe plastic bags (and all plastic in general) is extremely harmful to the environment, especially to our waterways and oceans. I have a B.S degree in Environmental Sciences with a specialization on Water Resources so this is a policy I am passionate about supporting.

Washington county and the greater metro area are not equipped to properly recycle single use plastic bags. We simply don't have the equipment, and the equipment is very costly. Residents have the option to take single use bags to many grocery stores, but how many people-in the grand scheme of things successfully and regularly manage this? Many bags still end up in the trash or clogging up and snagging in our current recycling sorting machines. This is bad for the machines and endangers the employees. All around best to reduce or eliminate single use plastic bags.

I don't want the government regulating my choices.

They are terrible for the environment

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The few bags I do get I use for my bathroom garbage. Without them I would just be buying plastic bags. I think government has better things to worry about.

It's critical that we reduce plastics to make at least a small difference toward healing out environment and world.

We reuse the bags for kitty litter, garbage can liners, and quick trash bags

There is ample evidence that these bags cause pollution. Although in our family, we use the bags multiple times before disposing of them. We would have to learn to take a recyclable bag into a store with us.

Environmentally sensible.

All single use plastics need to be banned

prevents additional plastic getting into the environment and might decrease energy waste.

plastic bags are bad for the environment

It would be inconvenient to bring bags for everything you buy, especially for take-out food. I also like re-using those bags as trash bags.

Reduces waste

I just can't go with banning anything without clear and compelling evidence that 1) the substance is damaging; 2) the ban will actually make things better; 3) it won't create more problems than it fixes; and 4) the benefits minus the downside is sufficient that it's worth forcing many thousands of people and businesses to change. I've seen nothing to indicate these requirements have been met. Besides, shouldn't we be looking to solve problems through free market innovation rather than government regulation?

I reuse the few plastic bags that I may get and also grab some at the grocery store where they collect them, so I can have some to reuse since I use my own bags when I shop. Maybe stores to cut back on using so many when they bag items. Everything does not need to be in a bag, like large items. What I was wondering about is kitchen and garbage bags that are used in the homes, schools and businesses etc. I have seen a tremendous amount of plastic bags used in the schools when I worked there, with very little items in the bags, then they are tossed by custodians. Now all these go straight to the landfill and are not reused.

If everyone recycled all the clean plastic bags they got, it would be great! But they don't. When I shop, I see how many bags are used, some with only a few small items per bag, the amount of plastic used in a single day seems overwhelming. I see too many plastic bags blowing in the wind, or caught in our creeks.

Worried about plastic in landfills and oceans.

Less waste, less toxicity

i believe in reusing resources

I currently use reusable bags for all my purchases, and I try to limit the use of other smaller plastic bags such as those used in the produce areas. There is no reason people can't be "trained" to bring their own bags in. And if not, a small fee for a paper bag is acceptable.

We care about our environment and the impact we have on future generations. There's better ways available.

I try to avoid all forms of plastic in my day to day life. I also only frequent stores that do not carry plastic bags, which means I leave Sherwood every time I go grocery shopping (except often shopping at Our Table Cooperative). I would love to see Sherwood take a more responsible stance on the problems facing our world today, and banning single use plastics would be a step in the right direction.

I like having the freedom of choice. I don't feel like I should be penalized like a small child if I leave my personal bags at home.

Mounds of trash in the ocean

I'de rather have Plastic Bags, that were blown or laminated with far thicker polyethylene plastic,.....that one Pays For

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! They would be then far more durable and therefore easy to Clean and Recycle & easily Reused for ALL-KINDS," of other tote carrying Tasks ! If our Stupid Donald Trump destroyed our Recycling to CHINA,... then Bill his Companies for the cleanup JOBS !

They are not good for the environment.

Save the earth

Plastic pollution is an extreme environmental concern

Plastic bags never "go away", and they are solely for convenience. A super simple way to make a positive environmental impact is to use reusable bags

Be more eco-conscious

Enough of the government over reach. I reuse all of my plastic bags. Just another hassle for consumers and retailers.

Plastic is not good for the environment. Also I don't like how my groceries are all pushed around when I get home in plastic bags.

Too much plastic in the oceans.

Single use plastic bags are generally unnecessary, there are almost always better alternatives, we just need to get used to using them.

Reusable bags are becoming more common. Plastic bags often end up as trash and in our oceans and streams. It doesn't biodegrade like paper.

I reuse these as garbage can liners. If they we're not provided, I would just have to buy them.

We are killing our environment and marine and animals. We can do better than this. Improvements even small ones help.

If you can take the time/effort to go to a store it take very little time/effort to bring your own bag. Anyone can be trained to remember to bring a bag shopping with them.

Good for several reasons

Plastic bags are unsafe for the environment. They're flimsy and often tear during first use so cannot be reused. It's wasteful to use and unnecessary.

But - this needs to include all of the cities within the county also.

Too much waste

We live in such a beautiful part of the USA. There is no reason to blatantly provide more trash for ill-intended individuals to litter with. Not only are the immense resources used to MAKE plastic bags extremely harmful, but the bags themselves do NOT biodegrade. Theoretically, if we were to continue on into infinity with plastic bag production and usage, we would literally smother our planet with them.

I reuse all those plastic bags for garbage bags. I save every one of them.

Simple: our planet is dying and plastic is one of the main reasons.

Plastic trash and microplastic pollution is a real problem that needs to be addressed at the source.

Plastic bags need to go away. Other areas are banning them, and we should too. So bad for the environment!

The policy enacted in California has created more plastic waste. I fear Oregon would enact a similar law.

Not enough people recycle them in the proper way (example: returning to the supermarket) and instead just throw them in the trash. Sure, they reuse them sometimes to pick up dog waste or car trash, but that plastic is still then going into the garbage.

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Plastic takes 500-1000 years to decompose and paper often takes less than a year. Plastic is a hazard to our community.

Not reasonably recyclable.

It doesn't help the earth

These simply need to go. Paper is much more environmentally friendly and just as convenient.

Save the environment and limit plastic bag litter.

I think that paper bags should be used much more often, as the default, rather than plastic bags. I sometimes reuse plastic bags as trash can liners and, more often, to pick up dog poop. More legislation and hassle isn't the answer.

I want to see our planet safe from the effects of climate change. Government action is critical to making this happen.

Too much plastic fouling the environment. Also ban straws, clamshells and one use plastic utensils

Many other counties across the US have already implemented such restrictions. I believe every small step such as this will be better in the long term to protect our environment for future generations.

Too much plastic pollution on earth

We like the ability to reuse this type of bag. It is much easier to work with especially when things are wet.

Not recycled good enough...

tote bags or paper bags are just as convenient

Plastics in the environment are a big, big problem.

Disposable Plastic bags are needed for purchases that leak (raw meat, take out food such as soup)

This is just more big government social engineering! Let market forces decide. If consumers feel plastic bags are bad for enviro then they won't ask for them at checkstand! I feel they are more convenient & not single use- I repurpose them for other things around the house & especially for dog walks. If this passes my costs go up at the store to pay for paper sacks I now get for free + I will have to go out & BUY plastic bags for my dog walks - which is another way I try to help the environment- but that is my choice - not the government making me do it.

a ban needs to be enacted, these items are killing our environment

I love using my reusable bags. Watching programs on plastic bags ending up in whales stomachs and nano plastics in water has really made this a necessity.

They are really wasteful and harmful

I reuse the bags that I get!

Waste

There is too much plastic waste...it is floating around in our oceans...we need to do what we can to limit use of plastics.

Because it is important for the environment

Too much waste. Bring your own bag and/or recycle old ones

We use our own bag already, also you can buy "vegetable" mesh bags that are washable.

Because, as most people know, these are used several times prior to being discarded, they are far from a "Single Use Bag"

They are a danger to our environment. I am very concerned about sea life mistaking them for octopuses. In

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Switzerland, customers are expected to bring their own. If not, they can purchase a nice reusable one at the check out line. Restaurants might be harder. If you get a few carry outs, you need a paper bag!

We re use these for garbages in bath and bedroom and if we did not have them we would likely purchase some other form of disposable bag for that purpose. That would seem to negate the gains. But we are careful in managing our waste and would not be upset if the bags were banned

I always take my own bags. We need to use less plastic. Single use bags are a waste.

Its not difficult to use paper bags and now days we use reusable just about everywhere. Plastic bags create clutter and become a hassle to keep deopping them off at a plastic bag recycle area

This were created for hygienic purpose. Using reusable bags increase the possibilities of cross contamination and diseases spread out. I do not agree with a fee for paper bags. Some places already have the option of plastic or paper.

It's about time!

They are a huge ecological problem and are totally unnecessary!

Mostly because it is wasteful. Also, people should bring their own reusable carry-out containers.

I use plastic grocery bags for my "wet garbage" because that wet garbage would otherwise break through a paper bag, which means I would have to buy plastic garbage bags. That would defeat the purpose. But I do strongly agree with lessening or eliminating the amount of plastic we use.

More people would use their own grocery totes if they had to pay extra for single-use plastic bags or paper sacks. Better to just get rid of them altogether.

Too many people just put one or two items in a plastic bag, whereas a reusable bag you can put many items in it. It fills our landfills with too much plastic.

People in general are carefree about there surroundings sometimes they need a lettle nudge

They can be recycled. I don't want to be required to bring in a bag each time and certainly think a hidden bag tax is ridiculous.

I use these plastic bags for lunch bags,, in the cat box, garbage bags, pick up dog poo, give them out at garage sales, clean out my car, when I am taking items elsewhere....

Food pokes holes through these flimsy bags so that they are not reuseable for household uses..a total waste, so they all end up in the garbage at my house.

Plastic carryout bags contribute to the waste stream of potentially dangerous products that do not decompose.

Have you noticed what's going on in the oceans?!?!

They are hard to recycle dispose of after obtaining them

The bags are single use for the store, not for the people getting them. We use and reuse them all the time.

No need for plastic bags that never go away.

In general, I am against restricting options available to local businesses. If plastic bags can be recycled I see no reason to restrict their use. If they cannot be recycled (eg. the plastic is not capable of being recycled - or - recyclers refuse to take them) then businesses should be encouraged to offer paper bags or multiple-use bags of other construction. However, if a patron brings their own bag they should receive a small discount as an incentive to continue using a reusable bag.

Would support as will drive change. Minimal impact for most people and reduced trashing streets and in landfill.

I dislike plastic bags since they became more popular to use over paper. They end up on the ground, carelessly discarded or "reused" for household trash when they still don't breakdown well in a landfill.

Too much plastic in the world

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Not necessary. More nanny-state mentality

The government has no business dictating such things with the force of law. If people don't want them, they can simply not buy them or bring their own containers.

We reuse the grocery sacks for kitty litter and dog poop. If stores offered "doggy bags" in bulk (not just those tiny rolls that fit in a plastic dog bone on your dog's collar), I would be in favor of a ban. I am willing to pay for what I really need to use.

There is absolutely no need for single use plastic in everyday life. There are plenty of alternatives to single use plastic bags. Plastic bags end up in our water ways, recycling center machines, and wildlife and this creates health and economic issues and damage.

The most vulnerable, economically speaking, would be forced to either bring their bags - which would be close to impossible for some nursery workers whose employer provides barely any room to store personal objects (cell phone, purse) - or try to manage paper bags on the bus in the rain, or spend unbudgeted money on "reusable" subpar bags at the grocer's. While I understand the principle, I'd like to see how this step is more plausible than other ones which would address the larger pollutants first. Government worker and contractors' diesel vehicles which "must" remain idle for a much longer period, rideshare contractors driving hours on end while a passenger is matched to them, public schools with their lights AND billboards on 24/7/365, etc. Who's being targeted, THE POOR.

Environmental concerns

I reuse these a lot

The vast majority of plastics do not get recycled, and because they do not degrade, they create environmental damage.

I always use my own totes & plastic is a huge blight on the environment.

Single use plastic bags are wasteful.

we need to reduce our use of plastics, they are not good for the environment and are harmful to animals when they end up on our waterways

I think they should charge for bags. Not stop carrying them altogether. We all get caught off guard on occasion.

I've been using reusable bags for years now. I observe others behavior when they leave stores. Even if they are buying one item, they tend to take a plastic single-use bag out of habit, rather than real need. We must change habits to affect real change.

Because plastic does not degrade in the land fill. Plus reuseable bages are a lot stronger.

We have to find a better way. I already use recyclable non plastic bags for all my grocery items and decline plastic carry-out bags. It is not difficult to do. We are polluting the world with plastic and there eill be a huge price for our children and grandchildren to pay.

They are bad for the environment :(

it is wasting all these bags that we could still be using again

Why isn't the entire county the target? Does Beaverton and Hillsboro get a free pass? Why isn't styrofoam included. It's time to get real and as all encompassing as possible.

I think we need to protect our environment. I am someone who is guilty of forgetting my recyclable bags, and I feel like it would help to keep us all accountable if there were no plastic bags offered.

Plastic can pollute the ocean.

Let the stores and the customers decide for themselves. I use reusable bags as often as possible, but sometimes that's not practical. I recycle all the non-reusable bags I get; responsible users don't contribute to the litter problem.

When the use of disposable diapers is addressed I might change my mind

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Plastic does not break down for composting and not enough people recycle it. It is bad for the environment. It is silly to use something for a matter of hours and have it live for millenia.

We don't need them anymore.

The bags are bad for the environment and often litter spaces when they blow around.

I think the policy goes too far. There are often items at stores which may be wet and paper doesn't work well. Also I don't like charging for bags. As for restaurants people don't know if they are going to have leftovers, and they are often wet. I don't support a vision where everyone is walking around with reusable bags hanging from their belt just in case.

Too many wasteful plastic bags. If forced I would bring my own bags out of habit

My only issue would be with take-out food. If something were to leak, paper bags would rip open but it would be contained in the plastic bag. I already try to remember to bring my own bags but also recycle my plastic bags

single use plastic is a persistent pollutant

Paper bags rip and don't have handles and I will forget my reusable bags. Inconvenient.

need to cut back on single use plastic items

It wouldn't be such a problem if grocery stores didn't assume you wanted plastic and double bagged most of your stuff. You can get 2-3 plastic bags worth into one paper bag. And paper is biodegradable!

Single use plastics do not break down, they pollute our oceans and green spaces, cause harm to animals and contribute toxic chemicals in our environment. We can learn to bring our own bags or go without a bag. Many people are not motivated to do this on their own therefore policy changes like this one can make a significant impact to reduce our use of single use plastics

Paper bags actually cost more & use more resources. Plastic bags can be reused and recycled by customers.

A way overdue policy for WA county! Reasons: Waste, pollution, hazardous to human, animals and sea life, among the most critical.

I support the reduction of single use plastics.

While this alone does not stop the overarching problem, it is a step in reducing overall waste. This type of policy is widely used in Europe with success. It is a shift in culture which people are likely to resist at first, but not a reason not to do so.

Too many plastic bags and they're not recyclable.

They are a waste of petroleum almost unrecyclable and a litter eyesore.

Because it's environmentally friendly. Plastic bags are huge problem in ocean right now. We have to do something about it. We just bring our bags to the stores and that's easy.

Better for the environment.

It doesn't force the desired behavior.

We need to start being responsible in making good choices for our environment even if inconvenient.

Any way that we can reduce the use of plastics in our community is a step in the right direction.

animals in the ocean play a huge role in the food chain. For example, if all of the Animals in the ocean were to die out then there wouldn't be nearly as much food for us. According to the US EPA, "in 1975, the National Academy of Sciences estimated that 14 billion pounds of garbage was being dumped into the ocean every year." All of that trash harms all of the animals and organisms in the sea. We sometimes eat the animals from the ocean and they are covered in trash and garbage.

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Bringing your own bags is fine when you're shopping for one or two people. My family has seven people in it and I buy \$150 worth of groceries at a time. I think it would be ridiculous to make me I have my own bags.

A key reason for the success of Washington County is because it has stuck to the basics of providing services in a cost-effective and efficient manner. There is no need to interfere with the private marketplace. This is not the government's job.

They're ruining the environment needlessly.

Safer for the environment

No plastic for environmental health.

Maybe the big grocery bags, but we need plastic bags for fruit and veggies, bulk foods, and items that might leak

Outside role of government- who's rights are you protecting by limiting an individual's choice? Stores can choose to use paper bags exclusively or individuals can choose to use paper bags. If there is an extra cost, so be it, but why outlaw the choice?

We all need to make adjustments in our lifestyle to help the environment.

Because those bags are useful for other purposes, not just a single-use.

I already bring my own reusable grocery bags because I believe in reducing waste.

I already use my own bags. I used to recycle plastic bags, but now that you can't recycle them I think they need to be outlawed. They are quite bad for the environment. I read recently that people don't understand what they can do about global climate change, but they do understand pollution. I would call this an anti-pollution effort.

It is such an easy change for a large, positive impact

Another "feel good" "monkey see monkey do" stupid ban. For starters the bags are not single-use, the majority of people use them multiple times before discarding them as trash bags with waste in them. Pet owners know this very well! This is why there is a market for plastic shopping bag dispensers! In our home we store the plastic bags in such dispensers and also use bathroom trash cans designed for plastic shopping bag re-use. Ban them, and I'll be forced to buy single-use small trash bags.

I reuse the bags for things like garbage that I can't use a paper bag for. I recycle any I don't use.

Because they are a danger to the Earth, and we don't need that much convenience—bring my own bags!

The cost of getting the bags to the store is 8X as high for paper as for plastic. I think the best solution is to come up with a very convenient way to drop off plastic bags.

I use bags to pick up dog waste

They are terrible for the environment and we can still use paper bags or bring your own.

I need plastic bags . i ride the bus in the rain with kids. I have a brain injury i would not bring bags with me.

Because... plastic bags suck. Resuable is the obvious choice, but 100% recycled paper is a good second.

I'm willing to use fewer bags or bring my own. If I do use single use plastic bags from store, I use them for other things also.

"Single use" is a lie. They all get secondary use in our home. I use them extensively when harvesting and sharing produce from the garden. They are useful for diapers, doggy do, and for anything else transported out of the home. Stop the needless regulations.

Harmful to environment

We don't need government telling people what they can use to carry groceries.

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Our environment is in danger over plastics . There is nothing to question, get rid if them. The U.S. needs to get up to par with the rest of the world in mandating better environmental policies .

It's time to use only biodegradable products

Really. It's like segregation of the grocery providers. I reuse the plastic bags and they save me money every year. I don't want someone telling me what I can and cannot ask for at the grocery stores. I shouldn't have to take a paper sac that always and I mean always rips. I never get to reuse those.

I reuse these bags for several things around my house because they are perfect in size and a great way to re-use them. The stores that have already incorporated this policy, charge me a nickel per bag and they are cheap and rip easy.

I think that the idea is great, but not sure it is feasible. Would definitely require "users" to learn new habits.

I've seen far too many plastic bags blowing around neighborhoods and stuck in landscaping. Hawaii charges 5 cents per bag. That charge does help to remind you to bring your reusable bags. Thank you.

Would love to see plastic bags eliminated to Save wildlife Clean up trash in public spaces Save natural resources

1 billion tee-shirt bags PER DAY in the world. Stop the madness

Plastic has become encompassing in daily life on this planet. We eat it, now. It's been proven by science at O S U and other NW universities. Washing our clothes provides effluent down stream to the oceans and the sea life absorbs it through the web of life in the oceans. So we eat it now. Plastic is not good for the environment.

Because I use those bags! They're not single use; many households I know repurpose them in too many ways to list.

We owe it to our planet

Reduce waste.

as a wonderful saying goes "We Do NOT inherit the earth - We borrow it from our grandchildren.

We can use are own bags.

I get too many plastic bags collected and there isn't anywhere any longer to take them for recycling.

What's the replacement? Government in our Business again telling us what we can and cannot have!

I don't think the government should be restricting the type of bags people are allowed to use.

Reduces trash, good for environment

I've seen enough news reports on the plastic problem to believe we are putting way to much plastic into our environment.

I re-use the single-use bags.

Single use plastic causes litter, damagages recycling equipment and the production causes greenhouse gas emissions.

Reduction in waste

No way to recycle and they are not disposed of properly

Too much plastic pollution

Single use plastics are a huge environmental concern. Changes must be made to how much consumers rely on single use plastics. I would also love to see reusable take out containers in local restaurants!

The waste from one use plastic bags is taxing on our environment and has a bigger impact than most people even realize.

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We need to minimize plastic waste which ends up polluting waterways ETC

Reusable bags work great and are better for the environment. Canvas or cotton bags can be washed and kept clean.

Encourages reusable bags, plastic bags are junk.

Come up with a plan for all the stores that are restricting them, to also have a place for folks to drop them off for others to use. Like why don't you solve the WHOLE problem instead of just the part that makes some group hangry? Come'on... think it through and DO MORE with the idea and plan.

Plastic bags are unnecessary -- they pollute the environment and will NEVER totally decompose. They often end up in the ocean. Let's get rid of them!

Plastics are KILLING our environment.

I reuse the bags. I can't afford to have to pay for bags. I recommend store have a place to recycle bags.

Lets make the affluent in Washington County feel good while raising the price of shopping for the poorer population of the county. Most plastic bags get used more than once.

As long as paper bags are available.

This is an overblown "problem." They are usually re-used for trash, lunches, etc.

I get tired of storing the bags for recycling!

The cost will be pushed onto the consumer. I would support a ban on plastic, but they would need to provide paper bags as an alternative

plastic is not necessary. paper is recyclable and reusable. I would vote though, that all paper bags must have handles.

Cause I re-use the plastic bags for other things. Or recycle those I can't re-use

It's a simple step with beneficial outcomes.

There are times when a plastic bag works better than paper - frozen items or leaky-take out.

Plastics are becoming a huge problem.

I think we need to take any action toward saving our environment and this planet that we can.

Because we need to change our habits or we will ruin the planet.

Those plastic bags can be recycled & also come in handy for other uses around the home.

They are not environmentally friendly and I think they need to go!

Better for the environment and it works in Portland where I work.

I would like to see it phased in - like drinking straws - you should be able to ask for them. For some people, I think plastic bags are easier to use, carry, etc. Also, there is an initial cost if you take your own bags.

It's such a waste!

It is easy to invest in reusable bags, and it will eliminate plastic waste. My only concern is that people will not bring bags to restaurants, and they may have difficulty carrying large amounts of food out. An exception could be made for disabled individuals who have no other way at the time.

There are better alternatives.

Plastic is polluting our environment in many ways. It's time for plastic to go! I'm not excited about paper bags either though. I just hope they would be made with recycled paper.

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Plastic bags are unsustainable.

I've visited many communities with this ban. Residents were quick to learn to bring their own bags and roadside debris was immediately decreased. It is a no brainer!

I agree plastic bags are a threat to our environment & it's easy to carry cloth bags to the store.

Wasteful. People can bring their own bags.

When the option is gone people will find a solution. Having the bags is enabling the behavior. If I don't bring a bag I only use paper ones (which I reuse for recycling bags anyway)

We dutifully recycle the plastic bags we don't use for non-compostable, wet garbage waste. Single use plastic bags are invaluable to pet owners who need a free, convenient receptacle for pet waste. Please, not an additional, unnecessary ordinance. Education not more legislation!!

Because I'm tired of seeing plastic bags caught in trees or creeks.

They are not necessary

Environmental impact.

They're bad for the environment and it's easy to live without.

Plastic waste is polluting our oceans and harming our environment. Reducing any plastic use is a positive.

Environmental impact of plastics.

Because I care about ocean life and the effect of plastic in the environment is not good.

Sea turtles confuse plastic bags for jellyfish. It's so easy to purchase reusable bags to reduce waste. It's not a tough decision.

Personal preference, plastic bags rip easily and do not carry very much (quantity and weight) They are a huge source of litter and pollution, especially in our water. They are not curb-side recyclable, and because they are constructed for single use, they can't be reused.

We don't need them and they hurt the environment.

I reuse them for garbage. Perfect size for my indoor kitchen garbage container. Also use my own reusable bags about 1/2 the time.

It is important that we as a society break bad habits we know are causing harm to self, others and the environment we live in.

I think this is a fantastic, earth-friendly thing to do and I think Portland should lead the way with this progressive initiative.

We just have to limit our use and disposal of plastic bags. Our oceans and therefore, our world is terribly polluted with plastic!

They are not a good use of our resources.

In my house, these plastic bags can also be used as small trash bag liners. Since they are a big environmental problem, I would be willing to use paper bags. Preferably with handles, or try to remember to bring my own reusable bag

I always use my reusable bags when I have them. And I recycle/reuse any paper or plastic bags I bring home from the store. (Seems awkward to take a reusable bag into a restaurant just in case we have leftovers.) How about another campaign to remind us to use our own bags therefore cutting down on how many plastic bags are needed at checkout?

How is this even a question on 2019?

Make the companies producing the bags to quit making them!

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My family didn't need them nor were they provided when I was growing up in the 50's. They last forever and there is very limited reusability.

Single use bags are far more hygienic than reusable and are recyclable.

We lived in Portland when they passed the plastic bag ban there and it was an easy adjustment. I see no real downside and a lot of benefit to reducing plastic in this way.

There is NO need for single use plastic bags as we have access to very inexpensive alternatives! It has to become a habit. Should take approximately 30 days for an individual to adapt to it! I say, it's worth it!

I don't think a paper bag should have a charge.

Generally unnecessary and damaging to the environment

It's a stupid feel-good exercise. It's billed as about being environmentally friendly and reducing litter, but the bags are useful and a minor contributor to the litter problem. If we really cared about the environment, we'd be talking about a whole range of single-use products and to-go containers.

Environmentally responsible.

We need to reduce our use of all kinds of single use plastics. Bags are a good start, but we should ban single use plastic containers as well.

You have failed to provide adequate support for banning single use bags. Just because other political entities have jumped off the cliff does not mean you should as well. I reuse those single use bags multiple times before properly disposing of them

I think it's ridiculous. Almost as bad as restricting plastic straws!

Plastic bags are unnecessary, and they are harmful to our planet

Why not? Is the correct answer. Yet another convenient item because we choose to be lazy. Millions of dollars wasted and most of them in the garbage.

single-use plastic bags are terrible for the environment

They recycle the plastic bags All I do is collect them. & Put them in the Bin. Inside the store. It's not rocket science

Not sustainable or environmentally friendly

It is better for the environment to not have so many plastic bags to dispose of.

Better for the environment

Please pass this reduction in the use of plastic bags! The bag is used once or twice and lives forever in our environment with many ending up in the landscape or ocean.

I don't want to be charged extra for a paper bag. I'm not charged now.

I reuse my plastic bags for garbage

It would probably be a hardship in the beginning ... almost anything is ... but I should think that hardship would lower significantly as people became accustomed to the policy.

I think it is a good idea to get rid of plastic waste, but some people do reuse plastic bags for other things so you could do some plastic but charge for them as well.

We must get plastics out of the environment to the highest degree possible. Eliminating single-use plastic bags will be the most effective action we can take toward this goal.

I agree with the need to limit single use plastic bags however why would it only be unincorporated Washington county? To be more effective wouldn't it be better for the whole county to be effected?

I work in Portland where plastic bags are not an option and I've traveled to other areas where paper bags are purchased for use. I have no problem paying or using my own bags when shopping.

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Paper is such a better option. I own several reusable bags.

not being able to recycle is horrible. I feel like out of sight is out of mind. I recently visited my parents in FL who don't understand how we are abusing our planet by simply throwing away everything. And I don't consider myself a "tree hugger" or ultra environmentalist. I just know I love our nature, animals and humans! They filled up a trash bag EVERY DAY! It takes us 3 weeks to fill a compostable bag and I still feel awful knowing how much plastic and other non-recycleable items are in there (aka clam shells and "take out" and grocery item containers)!

I actually find use in these plastic bags. I wouldn't consider them just single use. I use them to carry items other than the time I take the groceries home. I line my small bathroom trash can with these bags for instance.

Anything to reduce the use of plastic is a good idea.

The store should decide this. I use the plastic bag for other purposes so it is not a single-use bag.

Cut down on litter and plastic particles in the environment.

Because the government needs to stay out of it. It should be up to the business to decide if they want to have plastic bags. Besides I use the plastic bags from the store more than once.

We need to stop the excessive use of non biodegradable products! Period! My question is what has taken Washington County so long? It kills me to see people at the checkout with countless plastic bags! I think of our environment and what problems we are passing down to our children and our children's children. Simple and almost effortless steps can be taken to care for our planet! Getting rid of plastic bags is a good place start. Next, those horrible plastic clamshells!!

There are far too many single use plastic bags floating around. They are a danger to wildlife, and ugly by the side of roads.

Better for the environment

To save the planet

We need to make changes to reduce plastic of every kind. This is an important step!

Plastic bags are safer for use with meats like poultry, ground beef. The fluid from them wouldn't be good in a reusable bag.

I use those and my liners for small garbage cans in my home. I use them as litter holders when I clean my kitty boxes. I use these for bringing items places. I reuse them endlessly. I would have to purchase plastic bags if these were ended. It would cost me a lot more money to buy rather than re-use. Plus carrying paper bags of things is difficult. Plus using cloth bags is unsanitary and would cost to clean and to purchase.

Unnecessary & harmful to the environment

The government should not be involved in changes such as these. It should be left for the businesses to decide.

It's about time we end the use of single use plastic!

I'm concerned about the cost to the businesses and shoppers.

Waste of plastic, hard to recycle, end up on road sides, blowing in the wind

We have to reduce and eventually eliminate all plastics used in packaging consumer products and one time uses. We will be buried in plastic and wildlife will suffer if we don't start now.

It is a big need in this county! I see plastic grocery and target bags everywhere. Especially in the creek. This needs to stop.

Plastic bags are environmentally terrible yet wildly more cost effective than other bag options. Legislation is required to force businesses to not choose the cheaper solution. I am a purchasing manager in Washington county and I haven't been allowed to make the switch to paper because of cost.

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I use those bags in my household every day, as garbage can liners and for dog poop

Because bringing reusable bags is an easy solution

There is no justifiable reason for keeping single use plastic bags on the market. "because they are cheaper" is not a justifiable answer because this answers is based on a financial reason that isn't justified in a world filled with plastic.

In grocery stores, produce needs to be bagged separately.

We use our plastic bags for dog and cat cleanup and in all of our small wastebaskets in bathrooms and bedrooms and the office. If you are going to mandate paper, don't charge a fee! Reusable cloth bags are unsanitary!!

The single-use plastic bags are the most effective for using for carrying items purchased, they take less landfill space, they take less energy to produce, have a lower carbon footprint than paper bags and have much better utility of use. For those reasons it's a misconception to think that plastic bags being not environmentally friendly. If plastic bags were restricted I'd end up using paper bags which would fill up my garbage, and landfill as reusable bags don't work for my situation. I also reuse my plastic bags for lunches, cat litter, etc. The *only* negative to plastic bags are when people litter them, which is a small % of the population and the litter I've seen is predominately food & beverage packaging; cans, bottles, etc, not plastic bags. Please don't restrict our choices to use what bag we see fit, 99.99% of those that use plastic bags use and dispose of them responsibly.

We need to prevent the use is single use items in order to preserve our environment. Most people have reusable bags and just need to be trained to use them in much the same way we learned to use them at grocery stores.

There is too much plastic in this world already. I'm in support of this. I wish it was all of Wash Co.

I have not been provided with any impact data

Single-use plastic bags, if repurposed properly, can actually save on plastic. All too often we are purchasing plastic bags to line trash cans with when these bags could be reused instead. Also, not in favor of a paper bag fee.

Why am I [**bold, underlined, emphasized**] paying for the bags when I am already buying goods and services from someone. I do usually bring my own bags, but sometimes (or often) you forget them, it you go to the store after work and the bags are at home. The plastic bags were a way to increase profit margins in the first place. Paper was the norm. Target is not going to go bankrupt by giving me a paper bag instead of plastic. They do it now for free if I ask.

Single use plastic bags seem to have no recycle possibilities. Too long life, a problem to dispose of.

It is wasteful and detrimental to our environment

We must reduce our plastic consumption.

Not recyclable. Flimsy and don't hold items securely. Don't degrade and damage environment and animals.

Better for our planet to limit single use plastics.

Let the consumer decide. Government has higher priorities than regulating bags

The reusable bags are not sanitary for all items

Bringing your own bags is not hard. They are cheap, sometimes free, and easy to remember once you've restrained yourself. Reducing waste is important.

Consumers should be able to choose... Paper, plastic or provide their own bag. We don't need some socialist morons telling us how to carry our groceries, after all this is still AMERICA!

We need to do everything we can to reduce the use of plastics!!

No No No! We reuse those bags to collect garbage: Pet feces, waste from meals, etc. Reusable bags to carry home groceries are not sanitary. Let's not get germs all over our food before we get it home! Forcing stores to charge separately for paper bags is ridiculous. If a store wants to do so, they can. If they want to consider it part of their overhead, they can. Let's not turn Washington County into California.

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We have enough pollution and we need to start taking charge of our environment.

I hate seeing plastic bags on the side of freeways, in rivers and in the middle of nowhere!

Plastic is a major environmental hazard, and it has an affect on human health and the oceans. It is important to reduce the amount of plastics used, and reducing the amount of plastic bags we use when there are other alternatives is a great way to start.

Plastic is polluting all areas of our planet. On February 21, we watched an episode of Oregon Field Guide that aired a segment on micro plastic particles found in Oregon rivers and the Pacific Ocean. Alarming!!

Paper sacks fall apart in the rain. They often need to be double bagged to hold heavy items as they don't rip. The plastic bags are helpful for the elderly, handicapped and poor. Some foods such as meat should not be put in reusable bags unless they are washable. Paper bags are free now. Why should we have to pay for them? For a while stores were giving credit if you brought your own bags. Will they be required to do that again? I think it should be voluntary for stores and consumers whether to use plastic bags or not. Outlawing bags is a political thing and the Washington County Commissioners should focus their time on real issues that affect the people of Washington County.

the plastic particles end up in water consumed by fish which we then eat. Please ban plastic bags. eventually, the plastic will end up in our bodies with adverse effects.

Plastic is choking our oceans, contaminating our land and encourages fossil fuels exports of LNG that will destroy our seafood industry by contamination of our ports.

I almost always use my own bags and it's easy once you get used to doing it but I think it should include all of Washington County if it's adapted.

We need to reduce our use of plastic and bags are an easy thing to find a substitute for.

It's a simple way to encourage use of recyclable or reusable bags.

Reduce waste, long term. Should include all other plastics that are not easily recycled.

As long as if you didn't happen to have a re-usable bag with you - that you would have the option of paying for a bag to use.

The government doesn't put away my groceries. They don't need more of my money.

I also live in Silicon Valley where the restrictions on plastic bags and plastic straws is the norm. Jump on it, just to it, it's no problem to use recycled, reusable bags and paper, metal or glass straws.

They serve a useful purpose.

It looks like it is time for me to start hoarding my plastic and paper bags!!!

the plastic bags are not just "single use", but used for many, many things later, too much for me to list here. If any left over, they should be recycled. As far as restaurants, a plastic bag seems more sanitary, and I don't have a reusable bag for hot, drippy food. It seems to me the answer lies with some smart, smart people developing a truly biodegradable, but strong non-plastic bag. Also, the bag size matters. I've noticed the usual bags from the grocery store are smaller, but the yellow bags from Grocery Outlet are not only bigger, but are better for empty cans and the ties (handles) secure better.

I don't like plastic bags, they're weak, break, and many cashiers use more than is necessary because they're hard to fill. If this rolls out can we compel the grocery pickups to come up with more practical solutions? Please please please! I've been after Fred Meyer for months because Clicklist, while amazing, guarantees me several bags with 1 item unless I leave them notes on my order. I would love an option to buy reusable bags that are just for their service which would gain them customer loyalty and let me avoid the plastic

We need to protect our planet!

Plastic gets thrown by the wayside.

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I use the plastic carryout bags to put in trash cans, and cleaning the litter box.

For over 40 yrs I brought my own bag to carry my groceries home. People looked at me as if I were odd. But every time I packed my groceries in my bags. It saved trees & plastic. I still bring my own bags--it has just become a way of life. Years ago, before plastic bags were staple in grocery stores, people either brought their own fabric. Aha or used stores' paper bags. The more plastic available to them now, the more they will use. Take a look at Winco--many, many people. Ring their own bags. While others pile mountains of white plastic bags in their cart, never to be used again. Laziness. I say if we charge a nominal fee for bags, fewer bags will be used AND many more will come back to be re-used. "Waste not, want not" is a long-forgotten adage. Print that on the paper bags & it will be a constant reminder of a turn our society needs to take in order to reduce fees (in stores) and to help save our planet. Even my family & friends (who used to think I was weird to reuse grocery bags) are now following suit & saving their used (clean) bags (both paper & plastic) for re-use.

There are already too many plastic bags in the world.

Who has not seen sides of 27 littered with plastic bags? Those bags won't decompose in its own and end up in the rivers and oceans. We also need to use biodegradable bags as trash liners and have strict law on separating kitchen garbage so that we have less CH4 emissions from our landfills

Plastic bags not necessary. Almost all people have their own reusable bags at this point.

In most of the world, plastic bags are not free, or not even available, and people survive. Before paper or plastic bags were invented (1852 for paper) people always brought their own shopping bags with them.

It should not be necessary to force this on us. We should each do our part to only take what we need I would not want to be charged for forgetting my bags in the car or at home.

Love this, but want to make sure I still have access to plastic bags in store for meat and veggies.

They are not necessary and bad for the environment.

Contamination from reused bags.

We have a plastic crisis on our hands. It is time each and every one of us take a stand against the plastic epidemic. Plastic is insidious and difficult to avoid. This step you are considering is a vital one for the future health of our planet.

They are destroying our planet.

Enough plastic already

Single use plastic bags are wasteful. People transition to reusable bags easily. I used to love in Eugene where they imposed a plastic bag ban and everyone seemed fine with it after a few months.

Save the environment. It takes longer for plastic bags to de-compost (or they never) filling up the landfill with toxic waste.

While inconvenient to bring my own bag I support policies that help our planet.

When it is a planned trip to a store, it is easy to bring reusable bags, but not every trip is planned and one doesn't necessarily have multi use bags on hand. Also, it is an equity issue..,worst case scenario, a person with more economic means can purchase a reusable bag, but for a person who is living pay check to pay check, this may be prohibitive. Should there be an incentive to use reusable bags...yes...but should single use bags be prohibited, no.

Global climate change should dictate our every decision. Not having plastic bags and being charged for paper bags is the very least we can do.

In our house, we reuse those bags for various things, yes we could probably use paper, but not as easily in some circumstances, like cleaning out the cat box. In many instances, plastic would be preferred over paper or reusable bags.

Mother earth is being destroyed by our over use of plastic and there is no need when there are many other alternatives

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We need to reduce our one and done mentality. Less stuff in the land fill and less use of resources to make the bag in the first place.

While I do use the one time plastic bags when provided, I could adjust to a carry into the store bag.

Because we use the bags for our smaller waste baskets.

keeps plastic out of landfills and the ocean

So many alternatives, so much trash created by single use plastics. Best to reduce plastics because so few can be recycled.

Because they're terrible for the mama earth!

Because these are not single use bags only? They can and are used for multitude of other things (picking up trash, animal waste, carrying misc stuff around). You imply they can not be used again. Also you are just looking to tax people more.

environmental concerns. I never heard of plastic bags growing up and we managed just fine. reused paper boxes, used paper bags that were then used again for another purpose. We have become a lazy, too much in a hurry society.

Stores are making profit and can well afford the bags

This is a great idea and the direction we need to be going.

How is a bag different from a styrofoam container, the packaging of the products purchased, the bags holding potatoes, oranges, the packing around toilet paper and paper towels, the milk cartons and juice containers, etc? Plastic bags are a drop in the bucket when considering all waste from retail, restaurant, and food packaging.

Plastic is the "scourge" to our health and the health of our soil and waterways and ocean. We need to break the habit and get people to change their plastic usage habits. I already avoid plastic use everywhere that I can. Plastic bag use is a practice that can and needs to stop.

This country is producing way too much damaging plastic. Plastic bags are ending up in the ocean, killing vital sealife.

We can't recycle them any longer.

Single-use plastics cause so much harm to our land and water, and are easily and conveniently replaced by reusable bag. If the option for a single-use bag is restricted/costly, people will be more likely to reduce their use. I use reusable grocery and produce bags, and now that I've made a habit of using them, I do it without a second thought. The proposed policy is long overdue. I would love to see Washington County make a name for itself at the forefront of reduction of environmental harms.

Plastics bags are bad for the environment.

Less garbage equals healthier seas.

I reuse all of my bags, never just throw them out so it would cost be money in multiple ways. In addition if it were to happen, why only unincorporated areas? Should be all if the difficulty will be placed on any.

Plastic bags clogging up machinery seems to be the number one complaint of recyclers and as litter plastic bags are very problematic for the environment.

I'm for restricting plastic bags but NOT charging a SMALL fee for paper bags.

Take a look at pictures or youtubes of the plastic trash in the oceans. It is shocking and depressing.

I need an incentive to bring reusable bags.

This is a huge step to reducing wasteful plastic use.

We need to get rid of single use plastics of all kinds!

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Plastic bags are bad for the environment. It should not be too hard to transition to bringing own bags, most people do it already.

Plastic bags are an unfortunate source of litter, and I think this would be a simple and effective way to reduce their impact on the community.

I use them for pet waste and people need to be educated on using them

It is better for the environment.

Single use plastic bags are bad for the environment and wildlife.

I use my plastic bags as liners for my wastebaskets. I do not want to have to buy plastic bags garbage bags.

Sometimes they are the best solution

Unless the "single use" bag is unusably damaged on its use from the store, it most often will be reused. I agree that a fabric reusable bag is the best plan, but there are times I don't have one with me when shopping.

Because they are unnecessary and a major source of pollution.

I use the plastic bags for many other purposes. Paper bags are too big, bulky & much less useful for other purposes. You can't hold them with one hand like the plastic bags and the handles tear off easily causing you to spill the contents - very frustrating.

No such thing as single use bags. We always reuse them and would miss having them when needed.

Plastics are a blight on our environment. We need to do away with them.

People can bring their own

Environmental impact outweighs the convenience

because they don't decompose and too many of them end up in landfill or on the streets

It should be left to the consumers to decide as-needed. Sometimes we don't have a reusable bag handy, or didn't bring enough reusable bags. Paper is not useful for certain types of purchases, as things that are wet or oddly-shaped can tear the bags. Plastic should be an option. Many things don't work well in plastic bags anyway; even when I use them I generally only use them for the odd item that doesn't fit in anything else. Lastly, plastic bags do get recycled as they are used for various purposes around the house. If we don't get them shopping we'll just have to buy them.

More environment friendly to not use plastic bags

I would prefer for it to be for all of Washington County.

Environment/Health. Single use plastics use should be eliminated or reduced wherever possible.

Planning ahead to bring your own reusable bags is easier than picking the plastic out of the oceans.

I've been doing it for years and feel it's a small thing I can do to save the planet. I also use net produce bags to cut down on even more plastic.

I reuse them for my cat's litter box

NO, NO, NO! Plastic bags are perfect for a day's RV garbage, for the camp dumpster. Also for sorting dahlia variety tubers, giving garden produce away, garage sales items, padding for mailing boxes, used diapers, and on it goes. If you take them away, it will cost us much more and the bags we must then BUY will be thicker. Please consider the consequences. Instead use encouragement, like Winco grocery does @ 6 cents a bag paid to us for bringing our own.

Until we can and do recycle plastics we need to limit their use as they are very unfriendly to our environment.

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I think people need to use fabric reusable bags, or be charged 25 cents for plastic.

Government excess is ruining our future and taking away our rights. Voluntary use of reusable bags should be urged, but not demanded.

Too much plastic waste

I re-use plastic bags to make crocheted baskets to sell for charities. I've also started using them to make sleeping mats for homeless people. I couldn't afford to pay for them and keep supporting different charities.

They are a great danger to the environment and are carelessly used and discarded. Often people don't even realize that they don't need them when they use them, like putting a bunch of bananas in a bag!

I reuse the bags as liners for waste baskets and use them when cleaning the kitty litter box so they aren't just used once and as a retired elderly person, saves me money. Otherwise I would have to purchase small bag liners.

I support getting rid of single-use plastic bags, providing there is some support for local businesses to switch to other kinds of bags/containers. I worry some restaurants will go out of business, if they have to carry the cost of changing to a new system, themselves. Also, I do not support charging for use of a paper bag (at least, not yet). People need time to adjust to this idea. My 88 yr old father sometimes forgets to bring his reusable bags, even when they're in the front seat of his car. I don't want to penalize these kinds of customers.

Decreases the amount of plastic waste in the landfill.

They are doing it in other places and it's working very well from my viewpoint. The bags last several visits, versus the last time I shopped at Safeway NONE of the bags the clerk tried stayed together long enough to put a loaf of bread in them.

reusable bags can carry bacteria if not cleaned (ie if you had purchased meat previously). Additionally this should be an individual business decision, there are cases where it makes sense, and cases where it doesn't.

It's time to make a change and start to make better choices for the environment... one small step at a time

This is long overdue, it should be a state wide and country wide thing- there is so much waste of plastic bags that end up in our oceans. Do it!

I got used to paper bags in Portland , and not seeing the plastic bags mess up the environment is a good thing

Plastic comes from oil, we need to cut or dependence on it.

If there is small fee charged for a bag, could the fee be reversed when the bag is returned to store for recycling or reuse? That seems most equitable, especially when people forget their reusable bags on occasion.

It forces us to think ahead and not use plastic just bc it's convenient. While being in California to visit, at first I was unprepared for shopping, but I got used to it. It becomes part of the culture quickly. Restaurants/stores will start using old boxes for carry out so not sure if that is a good or bad impact if boxes are not recycled anymore.

climate change , not litter, is the #1 environmental issue. Implementing a plastic bag ban does nothing for this issue and only raises the cost of food for lowincome people.

Plastic is not evil. It's our friend- very cost effective and useful. And there is plenty of available room in landfills across this great state of ours. No need for endless amounts of rules and restrictions.

Plastic contributes mightily to garbage systems, soil problems, water issues, and especially to wildlife mortality. Importantly, plastic bags are ingested by animals, notably marine animals, who fill up with bags and die terrible deaths. Floating bags look like jellyfish, a favorite food of leatherback turtles and several other sea turtle species. The jellyfish has a particular adaptation that keeps the jellyfish prey (and bags) from escaping: bristles in the mouth and throat that face backwards. Once in the mouth, the plastic bag error cannot be corrected. Your trash is in me. // Plastic looks like jellyfish! // Leatherback's lament. Rosemary Lombard, Chelonian Connection laboratory

exactly, why not (unless for folks that are severely economically depressed)

Protect the environment

As a coastal State we should take the lead in protecting the environment from plastic waste. We are a State that has trees as a renewable natural resource. By promoting paper bags when reuseable bags are not used would be a

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boost to our timber and milling industries in our State.

Its one evil or the other...no plastic bags mean more paper bags which means more trees cut. Probably a better way to recycle plastic bags would be best to have them get reused.

Need to reduce use of plastics

I have been using my own bags for years.

I think we need to eliminate plastic everywhere. I ask for a paper straw.

I very much support the reduction in plastic waste for environmental reasons. However I find the introduction of a fee for paper bags to be unfairly burdensome for those struggling to get by. We don't need more taxes.

Because there are several better, more environmentally friendly options available, and restricting stores and restaurants from providing single-use plastics would encourage consumers to use these other options.

I have many uses for plastic bags.

What are the parameters? Restrict? Some use allowed? I am opposed to , for example, Fred Meyer banning the use of paper carryout bags. Bag Nazis need to go away.);

Yes, without this we will not be able to become more sustainable, relying on remembering to bring reusable & ask for paper alone is not a sustainable practice. in a pinch I politely ask for paper repeatedly and have clerks place my item(s) in plastic despite my request for paper or no bag or handing them a reusable

Many other counties and states have chosen this option years ago. We moved here from Maryland and many counties in Maryland such as Montgomery county have elected this option about 7 years ago and it has been working. For environmental reasons, I think this is a great idea!

We don't shop or go out very often. I use them in my garbage cans! And to pick up dog doo. I would miss having them to say the least.

There are way too many plastic bags out in the world. Because people think they need to put their recycling in it when they put it in the recycling bins and I'm really tired of it. And many people do not know how to re-use plastic bags for other uses. I re-use my plastic bags for trash and storage of items, but too many people don't don't think like this, which is quite unfortunate.

I would support this type of policy to decrease the amount of harmful plastic in our environment.

I always reuse my plastic carryout bags.

Pollution, wild life

They are detrimental to health and the planet.

Plastic waste to killing our planet.

all plastics should be banned and replaced with biodegradable materials. It should deal with manufacturers not end users.

These bags have a purpose and actually can be reused. Years ago stores switched from paper bags to plastic bags because paper bags used trees from the forest. Now, why are we switching back? Paper bags fall apart much easier. Re-usable bags are harder to keep clean.

Plastic is destroying our planet and it's inhabitants. There's no good reason for any business to keep distributing plastic bags to the public for anything. Switch to reusable or paper sacks.

It's better for our environment to stop using single use plastic. This would be a good step in the right direction, though more should be done to eliminate other single use plastics like cutlery, clamshell containers, etc.

Makes sense... doesn't it?

Paper bags are recyclable. Littering has become an enormous problem in Oregon.

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They seem pretty terrible for the environment, and I do not see any reason why to use them. I would support the use of biodegradable single use bags, or paper bags.

It's moving in the right direction.

Plastic bags are a danger to the environment. We have to protect it. Until we ban plastics or charge for their use we will continue to pollute.

We need to all be reducing our waste given the enormous cumulative effective this type of wave has on ocean health.

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They're not recyclable and they pile up in our house until we have to take them to the proper disposal site.

It's the right thing to do for our future and environment

They are horrible

Environmental impact.

I need and reuse the bags. People can already bring other bags if they want to but it an handicap for the low income and senior to have to bring bag each time.

Too much plastic in the world. I have always cringed watching people with several bags walking out of the store.

For me there NOT single use, if I don't recycle them, I used them for trash, animal waste and lots of other uses.

Plastics are not biodegradable . Paper is so paper should be the bag of choice if a consumer does bring their own cloth or plastic.

To cut down on the use of plastic bags! I see a lot of people bringing their own bags at the stores I frequent : New Seasons, Trader Joe's, Winco & Fred Meyers. We all need to do our part no matter how small.

Single-use plastic bags are not a necessity and have a significant impact on the environment. I always get paper, if available, and use my reusable bags when I remember to take them with me. The paper bags are then used as garbage bags, so I don't have to use plastic ones.

I support because plastic bags are harming the environment.

We all know what a blight single use plastics are on our environment! and how it clogs the recycling process. It's a no brainier to be in favor of getting rid of them.

because they get in the equipment at the recycling centers. Single use plastic bags blow around and cause a fair amount of pollution.

Specifying unincorporated Washington county only doesn't really so much for the problem. Get all of the county or none.

Single-use bags are clean. Reuseable bags can be filthy, especially when used for dripping meats such as raw poultry.

Because these plastic bags are used for fifteen minutes, but linger in our landfills for decades.

While I use cloth bags most of the time, I do need plastic bags also. I don't consider them single use as they become bathroom trash can liners, food waste carriers, lunch bags, etc.

Paper is a better option, especially considering all of the lumber mills in the NW

Very worried about single use plastic

It is such waste with getting 2, 3, 4,5 bags every time you go to the grocery store and it is getting harder to find places that will recycle these bags.

One never knows where those (from home bags) have been. The clerk filling those are at risk for who knows what kind of germs on those bags.

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Get rid of the plastic bags. People will adjust.

Harmful to wildlife

because plastic bags are wasteful and produce pollution

There's no market for recycled plastic bags. Most end up in the landfill. We can't force people to use their own bags. This policy would reduce plastic waste.

They are not single use items! Many people use them again! Plastic bags are germ free, cheap, hassle free, and the clear choice of most people.

Plastics are pervasive and pollute the environment. Reusable bags are widely available and a much better alternative.

better for environment, encourages people to reuse bags

We've got to reduce our usage. Those bags are everywhere!

I, along with many other people, reuse plastic bags. I often bring my own bags, but I do use plastic bags for cat litter, garbage, & my lunches. I do not like using paper bags & I am in favor of charging a fee for them. But, I think it's silly to outlaw "single-use" plastic bags because then I'd have to buy OTHER thicker plastic bags for garbage.

Pretty simple, paper bags are recyclable. Another thing, you leave the grocery store and your 18 items are in 10 plastic bags, total waste. I do not agree with the retailer being allowed to charge for a paper bag though.

we need to end the use of single use plastic for non-medical use completely ASAP

Because the environment is better off without them

I purchased a garbage can sized specifically to hold the grocery store plastic bags. I return unused plastic bags to Fred Meyer, who supposedly recycles or disposes of them responsibly. I rarely use a plastic bag for take-out or leftovers. Olive Garden uses paper. Other restaurants could, as well. My choice to not support a policy like the one stated is purely self-centered. I am a responsible recycler. However, I realize that - unfortunately - many people are not, and would understand if a similar policy were implemented whether I want it or not.

We need to cut back on plastic. We are not thinking of the future with the amount of waste we produce.

It's a change of habit to remember to take your own bags into the store, but it is a very positive change! There are far too many plastic bags in our environment causing problems for the wildlife and it would be amazing to know that I live in a community that is mindful of their impact on the world around them.

Reduce trash

To cut down on wasted resources and to reduce litter.

I watched the mind set while living in the Netherlands where it's just a given that you bring your own bags. We are drowning our environment in nondegradeable plastic ... how could anyone except those profiting from plastics, object to a small attempt to help save the earth?!

It worked well where I previously lived.

They are not just single use. I use them again for all kinds of things. I don't want to have to bring my own bag, which is not sanitary, and unless China does something about plastic, Americans can ban all they want, but it won't make a difference. So why should we suffer?

Plastics are an extreme pollution problem and cannot be effectively recycled. They also use fossil fuels, which need to be phased out.

Because of the obvious; too much waste building up, and a waste of materials.

Charge for it.

They are an environmental hazard to wild life and are not recycled.

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It already works in Forest Grove. Paper bags are reusable for so many household tasks and capturing recyclables around the house.

Because it will reduce the reliance on plastics bags and will help people be more consistent in bringing their bags into the store (from the trunks of their car!!). Seattle has done this successfully.

If the grocery store replaces it with paper and doesn't charge me, I am fine with that. You will get environmentalist that will then say that is irresponsible. I am not always going to have a reusable bag with me.

Plastic is forever, and every bag is eventually trash. Paper at least turns to dirt.

So many places are doing this, we need to get on the band wagon

We have to reduce our dependency and use of plastics. Grocery bags are a really good and easy beginning.

They are destroying our planet and wildlife.

Supposed single use plastic bags can be recycled or reused. For instance I reuse the plastic bags for dirty kitty litter, lining small trash cans in the bathrooms, or as lunch bags.

Way too much plastic garbage. Not that hard to bring your own bags.

They are very wasteful and unnecessary. They are also not good for the environment.

More laws, more government involvement is not the answer. Educate people and let them make their choice. We do reuse plastic bags. And... reusable bags are NOT safe for meats. People get sick from carrying meats and then vegetables in the same bag.

Things get wet when it rains and make a mess when paper bag falls apart.

Non existent crisis. The real issue is not the plastic bag and they do not influence the environment. The real problem are water bottles and the trash not collected. The main source of pollution at this time comes from other places.

I re-use them.

you can't recycle them and I hate getting them. I have reusable bags but I always forget to bring them in the store, maybe this would be the kick in the pants to get myself in the habit of bringing my own bags. I don't mind paying a small fee for paper bags either, at least they are recyclable and reusable for other things.

I like my plastic bags. I multi-task, re-using them to line bathroom garbage cans, & for multiple uses, such as changing the litter box. I do not litter with them. I need & want plastic bags!

We need to help the environment. This is a change that should have happened a long time ago. I have reusable bags at home and don't use them as often as I should if I and other get a fee to buy a paper bag every time people will start to bring their own bags. I think it great.

I recycle and reuse bags for other things. I should be able to use what type of bags I need without government involvement.

To reduce waste, conserve resources and protect the environment.

There is no need for them. Reusable bags are available for free lots of places.

Because they are horrific to our environment, they kill wildlife And take hundreds of years to decompose It should not even be a discussion they simply should be banned

We reuse the bags at home for garbage and pet waste.

they are unnecessary and bad for the environment

I prefer that my great grandchildren aren't up to their knees in plastic bags which last forever.

They need to go- NOW.

Not sure added expenses and during winter rainy season inconvenient. I don't always have reusable bags on me.

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Hugely important issue that everyone must address.

presently i return my single use plastic bags to my grocery store. If they do not recycle these bags, what are they doing with them? Also, I was shopping for clothes at Kohls and made a note that APT9 PANTS were made from recycled plastic. My living rug room is made from recycled plastic fiber. Therefore, someone is using these items in some fashion. Let us educate people on what recycled plastic can be used.

We are killing our earth with plastic waste. Let's take these steps to reduce our use.

Plastic bags are not good for environment

There are some items that are best transported in plastic bags.

Plastic doesn't degrade for the environment

Total waste of resources.

I support restricting single use plastic in general because our planet has a huge problem with plastic pollution...on land and in our bodies of water. There is micro-plastic in most seafood already, and in landfills plastic takes hundreds of years if not more to break down...as just a couple of examples. Scientists claim that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish. We must take serious measures to correct this world-wide issue. Thank you for addressing this issue and I pray that you are successful.

I believe in use/re use and utilize the plastic bags for wastebasket liners, sending leftovers home with the kids and for various other applications.

Too much plastic waste. We should not be so lazy as not to be pro-active in this matter.

Because they are terrible for the environment and most end up in landfills.

It's about time!

It's a no-brainer, that's why.

Plastic is destroying our environment

I think since the federal government seems to be going backwards with regard to climate change, we have to work it from the state/county level

I would support the removal of plastic bags, but do not like the idea of being charged a fee for a paper bag.

They have become more difficult to recycle and will likely end up in landfills or waterways.

I have used reusable bags at the grocery store for over ten years and it is not an inconvenience. This is an effective way to use less plastic and most people I know already do this.

Pollution control. I'm horrible about remembering my reusable bags. A ban would force me to remember them!!

Too much plastic is already around, causing problems and death to Wildlife, and trashing our lakes, rivets and oceans. Let people bring reusable bags as needed.

Don't like the idea of restricting people from use of plastic, paper, or other types of bags.

I care about the environment and think that we need to promote reusing not just recycling

Because you can reuse plastic bags.

Washington county already has a problem, compared to many other municipalities, with recycling. Why continue to add to it?

Its imperative to increase reusable bags, stop styrofoam takeouts and I could go for no straws...these are small steps for the greater good and we can all participate.

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Plastic bags are wasteful and harmful to the environment.

Plastic is in our bloodstreams, causing health problems. It's in our water system and it kills wildlife.

No need for single use bags we use cloth re-usable bags.

THE MORE SOMETHING IS USED IN TRYING TO REPLACE THESE BAGS THE MORE CONTAMINATION THAT ONE HAS TO WORRY ABOUT AND FORCING SOMEONE TO JUST PAY MORE FOR SOMETHING TO CARRY ITEMS AROUND IN A LESS SAFE MANNER IS JUST STUPID, LETS USE OUR HEADS ABOUT THIS ISSUE

there are many alternatives that are not toxic to our environment

Have experience with this while living in McMinnville-terrible. Many people hate it. Should be optional. Stores should allowed to provide a bag free of charge. I am, however, for encouraging reuse of plastic bags. We currently reuse our plastic bags and paper bags.

I use them for lining my waste baskets. If you prohibit these bags, I will just end up purchasing them. I do appreciate efforts to limit plastic bag usage.

I use them for garbage. If they stop, I will have to buy small plastic bags.

Yes, because our planet is drowning in single-use plastics.

The government doesn't need to be this involved in business

They just end up as litter or landfill.

Plastic bags are unneeded and contribute towards pollution.

Plastic bags are horrible for our environment and are hard to recycle.

There's too much plastic in our environment.

Plastic bags are one most prolific abounded plastics items that overwhelming pollute many Oceans. Multnomah county Oregon already has banned single use plastics several yrs ago. Even Safeway, Traderjoes, Fredmyer in Portland no longer put grocery in Plastic bags. One less product from Oil Cartels is a huge win for Sea life, Birds ect. How many RE-USEABLE cloth or Store Heavy Plastic bags most consumers already have in there Cars and homes.

It's helping our environment.

Easy and effective way to contribute protecting the environment. I grew up in Germany where this is in place since decades.

You have more important priorities, like making housing affordable. There are ways to reuse and recycle these bags, such as school recycling drives, grocery store drop off, and even weaving them into mats for the homeless. I often choose to use my reusable grocery bags, but some people don't have that choice. Stop micromanaging our lives.

Our Ocean's and enviornment!!

Paper is just as bad as plastic and it is not feasible for disabled or homeless.

Because I feel all plastic bags shod be biodegradable --- plastic is to ingrained into our society to not be develop into a more usable product. No more bottles and containers made of plastic! Yes

Please STOP infringing unnecessarily on people's choices. These bags are used over and over in our household for everything from passing items off to others to covering wet paint rollers, I am confident we are far from unique in reuse. . Eliminating them will result in new sources of waste. Unintended consequences of overreach nearly always backfire.

YES, PLEASE! Every little bit helps our planet. If we can do something to limit the destruction of our planet, we should do it. Especially something like this that has already been implemented by so many other counties. It would be embarrassing for Washington County if we didn't do this.

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for our planet

Plastic bags are wasteful and bad for the environment

we need to reduce our use of plastics to make a more sustainable world. This is a small but great effort and changing people's habits. Bring It on!

There are plenty of longer term options like cloth, or canvas bags that have more life and use than a single use plastic bag. Plastic is a major polluter and contaminant and we need to start reducing our dependence on it as soon as possible.

Few people recycle plastic bags and they become part of the wind-blown trash on roadsides and wooded areas

We need to continue to take steps to reduce the waste especially plastic waste. I would like to see a program for those who are low income to get reusable bags for free.

to encourage people bringing reusable bags. plastic bags are a huge waste and a small % only gets recycled. we are in climate crisis mode and need to do all we can to reduce our use of plastics-fossil fuel.

We are responsible and reuse or recycle our plastic bags. We also use reusable cloth bags for part of our purchases. You either buy plastic garbage bags or you use store plastic bags as garbage bags. What's the difference?

We have to get that crap out of the waste stream. We did this in Forest Grove and it's works very well.

The bag quickly becomes trash. Many are blown from garbage trucks and now are stuck in blackberry vines along the roads.

to help reduce the amount of plastic waste

Single-use plastic bags are rarely recycled and often end up as litter. While the alternatives may not all be sustainable options either, this is a first step towards a long-term solution.

I think it would be better if they engineered biodegradable plastic bags instead of banning them.

The government had no business is these matters

Multiple use bags are cheap and easy to use, and would reduce a lot of waste.

I reuse those plastic bags for a multiple different functions for garbage bags in small cans. For picking up dog poop for cat litter are some examples

Plastic bags are a major pollutant in our oceans

Plastic doesn't decompose. It threatens wildlife when whole and later as it degrade into micro-particles. Plastic is a huge eyesore when irresponsibly discarded. We need to stop using plastic.

Plastic bags are a huge pollution problem and it is easy to bring your own reusable bags.

I shop once a week on a limited budget. So, essentially because I cant afford to shop at delis every evening for my family I'll be penalized for it. This is as asinine as it gets and penalizes lower income families that Democrats love to profess, " they want to serve and help". No. Why doesnt Washington County pay consumers to turn in their plastic bags. That's a more intelligent approach and will incentivize people to recycle..

I like plastic bags. I hate the fact that they are going to be taken away from us. And now we have TO PAY for a paper bag. This is becoming a racket. They don't even charge for paper bags in Portland. This whole thing is ridiculous telling people what they can and can't use. I actually re use my plastic bags for garbage.

Too much trash and bags are everywhere. I've seen worse like Thailand and Mt Vesuvius in Italy and don't want to become like that

It's a great and easy way to cut down on waste.

Single use bags are a waste, damaging to the environment, and not recycled as much as they should be.

I think it will spread awareness to the consumer

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I like using them for the kitty litter garbage cans

Because disposed plastics in our environment is one of the biggest problems for eco-system.

Plastic bags are an environmental hazard.

I believe we have to accept the possibility of some discomfort and initial inconvenience for the sake of our planet and future generations.

It would be a little inconvenient to begin with but we can adjust in the interest of protecting our oceans, our sealife and our landfills.

I use the single-use bags to bag garbage.

Although I reuse the few plastic bags I get while shopping (I always bring reusable bags and only need plastic ones if my purchases exceed the capacity of my bags), I am sure many end up in the landfills.

I hate those plastic bags! They roll All around the car and sometimes rip. I would welcome this.

Environment

Plastic bags are dangerous to our environment and unnecessary.

Because the government shod do it actual job, not interfere with people's lives.

Because I have yet to meet anyone that uses a "single" use bag just once.

Eco friendly, recyclable

Single use plastic is getting interestingly difficult to recycle. (I currently bring my old plastic bags to Kohl's but many places won't accept them anymore because China doesn't buy that kind of plastic, I gather.) We need to shift our consumption habits so we don't just fill landfills.

I do Reuse my single use plastic bags. I wouod Rather be rewarded for bring reusable then being fined for not remembering!

Single use plastic of all kinds are clogging our waste system. This is a good start in changing behaviors to a more sustainable solution to waste and plastic pollution.

Reduce waste to landfill!

So that plastic bags would not end up in landfills.

Our family would like to see less plastic waste going to landfills and in the ocean.

I don't want plastic bags in landfill

It should be the store & consumers choice.

Items that can cross contaminate items normally eaten raw or uncooked with dangerous bacteria are a hazard that can't be effectively managed with reusable bags by most people. Simple washing wont cut it.

The governement doesn't need to tell tax paying citizens how to live. We already pay too many taxes in Washington county.

They're not necessary and creating waste that future generations will have to deal with.

I reuse every grocery plastic bag to discard other garbage into the dumpster .. Also to take stuff to Good Will and many other uses. It is tough trying to live on very low poverty level incomes

I use the single use plastic bags in my trash cans (kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, etc) in my home. I also use them for pet waste. The only bags that are recycled at Fred Meyers are the ones with holes in them

Stores will stop carrying bags or charge a premium for the bags they have for sale.

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There are other options, such as paper. HOWEVER, what I would REALLY like to see is some sort of easier way to recycle those plastic containers that everything from fast food meals to salad greens/cut up fruit to bakery goods come in. That's what over half of my current trash is full of, and with the rat and ant problems we have here in Marlene Village, there is no way I am going to store a month's worth of plastic containers that smell mildly of food even after washing somewhere until I can get a day off to go recycle them somewhere across the country or in Portland!

I do reuse most of my plastic bags but often have more than I can use. If paper was my only option I would be ok using paper bags and my reusable bags when I remember them.

We as a society need to use a lot less plastic!

We recycle these bags fully. If they don't have any holes we re-purpose them as garbage liners and bring them to the grocery store for recycling if they do have holes.

Violates my free choice.

It is crucial to sustain our ecosystem; science provides the evidence.

Because plastic pollution is literally destroying our oceans and we don't need plastic.

They're polluting the rivers, oceans and land worldwide!

Myself, like most people, reuse these bags for garbage bags and other uses. They are not single use. I appreciate the ability to chose the carrying device for the things we purchase.

Waste & nuisance.

I wholeheartedly support this, as it is far better for the environment.

We to be more responsible citizens of this world.

This initiative has already been successfully implemented in other states. Shoppers can retain the option to purchase a "reusable" plastic bag if they forget their bags or don't have any.

Climate change is real -

There's only one planet, we should act that way.

It makes sense!

The planet is drowning in plastic and it is an increasingly serious cause of death in marine animals. Time of one-time plastic bags to go. I am fine with paper bags because they are bio-degradable.

Bad for the environment!

Corvallis already has a similar policy that works well

Overstepping the counties boundaries is grossly inappropriate. Most people either reuse or recycle the single use bags. Some schools utilize the recycling f these bags for funding.

Plastic is suffocating our environment!

Para cuidar el medio ambiente

100% support it for stores. I would also support it for restaurants, but less enthusiastically. They are less of a problem.

These could be biodegradable. They are nothing (quantity wise) compared to other plastics like deli containers (that we are told are not recyclable). I use these bags for inserts in my small garbage cans instead of buying new plastic liners.

I am disabled and unable to use more than one hand for carrying. Loss of plastic bags would require many more trips from my car to my apartment.

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It creates extra cost for the consumer. Charging for paperbags will not change behaviors.

I reuse the plastic bags that I get multiple times. They are not single use in my household.

Because plastic does not break down

I hate plastic; it kills birds, fish and mammals. There's always one flying down the street. Plastic bags are a waste of time and money.

for the good of the environment

Can't easily recycle these plastic bags anymore.

Need to take strong action to protect environments.

It's a waste of resources. We have bigger issues to address.

I just moved out of Portland and this policy caused no inconveniences and aligns with my views of environmental change.

Are you serious. "Plastic" bags are made out of organic materials these days and break down and are better for the environment than paper bags.

Should not be penalized and force to buy a bag if you forget.

So we go back to paper, then the problem is we are killing trees. Use our own reusable cloth/plastic bags, then the problem is we are using our water resources and putting harmful detergent into our lakes and streams.

If you charge people if they don't have their reusable bags, they will start using them! Giving a 10 cent discount doesn't work. I go to Montreal often and everyone brings their bag because they don't want to be charged extra. It's human psychology!

I reuse plastic bags ALL THE TIME. If I'm not able to opt for them occasionally at stores, I'll have to find an acceptable substitute to purchase. Plastic bags are so much better than paper when wet. Paper is not an option for me.

Paper bags are much more expensive, both to businesses and to consumers. Efforts s/b done to further encourage consumers to recycle the plastic bags, much like has been done with other items that can be recycled. Also, Washington County needs to find ways to open up more recycling centers to offset the ones that have closed over the last couple of years. Plastic bags are a small part of what I think people are now disposing of in the garbage, due to the lack of convenient recycling operations.

Because, from what I witness, most people don't bring their own bags...they use paper bags when plastic is not available. I am concerned about the trees used for bags.

We currently bring our own bags and would favor any programs and processes that minimize single use plastic.

Something needs to be done to minimize the impact plastic has on the environment.

Because reusable bags are readily available, and recycling single use bags is extremely limited.

Why do it? Why a new fee? Seems like creeping socialism.

Plastic bags should be banned, they are awful for the environment and brown bags or wicker or woven baskets can replace plastic.

I reuse them for garbage and recycling things. I then do not have to buy more plastic bags to use for garbage.

I reuse them constantly

Too much politics and not enough done science that drives this issue. I re-use single use plastic bags. Finally, these kinds of bags were normalized years ago for the same argument.

I am forgetful sort and often leave the bags in the car (when I remember to get them to the car). I also reuse the "single use" plastic bags all the time for carrying all sorts of stuff. When I get too many, I take them to be recycled. Not having these plastic bags around would really be an inconvenience.

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They cause too much damage to wildlife & the oceans and people are not responsible about disposing of them properly. We've become a nation of convenience instead of learning to respect and recycle.

Stores yes, restaurants no.

None of the government's business. Overreach. Violates the US Constitution 4th amendment. Single use bags are regularly used multiple times in our household.

Because we use too much plastic and it is not good !

I use my plastic bags for garage, animal waste, packing stuff around, and so on. I also feel that you will penalize families who are unable to afford the reusable bags sold at stores.

Plastic is literally found in us, our food, environment

We need to reduce plastic consumption for environmental and health reasons.

I reuse these bags for my garbage bags, saving me from having to buy regular garbage bags.

I pick up trash on my 4 mile walk 5 days a week; plastic bags and other plastic are what I pick up most.

People still put garbage in plastic bags.

We as a society need to be more environmentally responsible, and this is a step in the right direction. I also think that styrofoam needs to be eliminated from restaurants.

All of that plastic goes in the ocean and kills ocean animals

Already shop with reusable bags.

Too much plastic in the environment

Environment. USA uses too many non-recyclable products.

I support the restriction on single use plastic bags but not the fee for paper bags. I definitely encourage the use of reusable bags.

Yes! This is needed. We can change our single use plastic habits.

Plastic bags especially for carry out food is better than paper because if things spill it is contained in the plastic bag versus a paper bag that it just soaks it and then possibly deteriorates the paper. I do believe the environment is very important and I understand the end goal.

These single use plastics add up. We manage just fine with paper bags that I use to hold my recycling and then they get recycled!

There is too much plastic in our environment - we are drowning in it. We have to start using alternatives to plastic. It's easy enough to bring your own bags to use. It's so wasteful and polluting to use those throw-away bags.

The less plastic is used the better.

I bring reusable bags with me.

Plastic Carryout bags have an adverse effect on our environment in that they pollute our streets, our parks, and our rivers and streams. They are even a nuisance in our garbage. They are too plentiful and have no purpose and are not recyclable. Paper bags are recyclable and the handy shopping container bags are to me the only solution to save our environment.

I am a huge advocate of bring-from-home reusable bags...it takes a little getting used to but once you are in the habit, it's easy and environmentally friendly

Because I have kids

There is no good reason to have one use plastic bags on our earth. Reusable bags are plenty in availability and are a tiny way we can all chip away at our carbon footprint while doing what we would be doing anyway. We have to

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sart somewhere!!

I see plastic bags all over the place. In trees, on the train tracks etc. Although I don't know how it would work with food delivery. If the driver has more than one order and there's multiple items how will they keep them together?

For so many reasons. Convenience, forgot bags, trash can liner, lunch bags... I remember when stores were compelled to go to plastic bags so we could save trees. Keep things as they are.

This policy is based on the personal beliefs of a few that plastic materials is inherently bad. They allow businesses to provide a service at a lower cost to its customers. Where does the nonelected government employ gain the power to dictate business practices in the private sector? Additionally, the fundamental idea that the county government will place a tax on a customer / member of the public for their choice to use a paper bag as a deterrent of behavior is erroneous and within the area of thought of taxation without representation. Also regarding the use of paper bags, the trees used to make paper products are a crop and specifically grown for this purpose. Whom within the powers that be have a financial interest in this sector and has the elected officials within all the levels of government have received campaign support or support in other means from this industry. I request a report be made public which states any and all information regarding this stated concern.

It's a moronically stupid idea. Remember when incandescent light bulbs were phased out? And what were they replaced with? Bulbs that were even worse. What are you going to replace single-use bags with? Paper bags? Remember when we were told that paper bags were bad and we had to replace them with plastic bags? All this is just a bunch of stupid nonsense from idiots who have no clue what they're talking about. "Let's stop doing this because it's bad!... Oh wait, let's stop doing that because it's bad and go back to doing the first thing... Oh wait, let's stop doing that and go do something else!" Stop wasting time and resources trying to tell people what to do.

To help save our environment.

Plastic waste is out of hand. Most people will do nothing to improve on the situation unless they are forced to do so.

I think it should be a choice not forced decision.

Those "single" use plastic bags are incredibly useful for other things.

Because they are known to be harmful to our environment & wildlife. It should be statewide but if that is not possible at least countywide.

I reuse all the plastic bags I get from the stores.

It would reduce our counties carbon footprint and that would be a fantastic step in the right direction.

Horrible idea, let's encourage recycling instead.

Plastic bags are not recyclable and harmful to the environment

This will be a forever fee that will go up and spiral in to other ridiculous fees such as a fee to park in the parking to shop. I personally (usually), bring my own bag. But, It is easier for me now, since I am an empty nester. But I just can't imagine while raising my children having to pay for extra bags to for grocery shop in my car along with all the other many items in my car for my children. The plastic bags are already included in the cost of the items. This is all about the government getting more money (another fee/tax) out of us hard working people. Please stop this thought process, it's not going to help anyone except the government. Besides that. I re-use the plastic bags. If you don't like the plastic bags to be used, then bring back paper bags. Which I use as well. If it does get voted on to charge for plastic bags, then be sure to have a return policy such as the cans and bottles. Bottom line you need to give people a choice. Don't penalize them if they don't want their car loaded with plastic bags. Regards, Johanna

The so called "single use bag" may be used for many other appropriate purposes so shouldn't be restricted from circulation.

There is no need to provide single-use plastic bags in this country anymore. We are killing the environment with these bags. If you go to most other developed countries, you are expected to bring your own bag, purchase a reusable one, or carry everything out in your hands.

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We use them as trash bags in our home.

Plastic is a huge waste of fossil fuels, the pollution that comes from making and disposal of them is a huge threat to our environment.

This type of bags can be recycled, in the stores and/or for trash cans, too. On the other hand, maybe this can be helpful, but I believe it is a matter of environmental awareness.

Yes, please ban single use plastics.

I don't like the Idea that what I use today will be around for generations after I'm gone, for my children and grandchildren to have to deal with.

Paper is best. Plastic does major damage to the environment

Plastic bags are a luxury.

I'm concerned about the amount of plastic, including plastic bags being dumped into landfills as well as the ocean

All single use plastics must be phased out due to its contribution to global pollution and to its use of fossil fuels.

We all have reusable bags we can take with us to the store or a restaurant. There's just no point in having one-time use plastic bags anymore.

Our planet is dying. We have to do everything we can to try to save it.

I own plenty of reusable bags. They are always in the trunk of my car. Sometimes - but not too often - I forget them, and carry out my purchased goods without a bag. Not hard to do. And it will save the planet.

We have to take steps to rid our planet of wasteful plastic products. I think a small incentive would encourage more people to bring their own bags vs paper. For example the nickel per bag incentive.

We need to contribute to the global fight on reducing plastic usage to save our land , our water sources and our fellow species.

There is no where for single use plastic bags to "go". Even if they are reused they still end up in the trash/landfill. Even though manufacturers claim they can be recycled the majority of them aren't recycled.

There are other readily available options. Paper is at least renewable.

Get the plastic out of our lives. Fred Meyer gives them away like candy. People can learn to bring their own bags or starve. Plastics only serve marketing and profits. We can learn a better way to handle food. The time is now let Oregon lead the way.

Plastic never goes away. It is clogging our water and our planet. We do not need single-use plastic bags.

Why not?

Educate, not legislate. Small rural areas don't work the same way as the metro area.

Plastic bags aren't necessary. Paper bags will at least biodegrade.

I would want to make sure that retail stores continue to accept plastic wrap, film and bags in "return to retail" system - important to keep these items out of the curbside carts. Generally, I am supportive of reducing plastic bag use - would prefer a consistent state-wide approach to a mix of disparate local ordinances.

Not in favor of one-size-fits all ordinances. We recycle heavily, as much as it is supported by recyclers. List of accepted materials keeps dropping. Much prefer any assistance to recycling market, so they don't keep rejecting. Get rid of bottle bill too please to save big nuisance of those bottle machines. We want to just put those bottles right in our recycle containers instead of all the wasted time and money created by bottle bill. Make it easy to recycle, not hard.

The people behind this are kids who haven't lived a real life and don't know what a headache they are causing.

environmental concerns.

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I re-use the paper bags and plastic bags for our trash bags. I would have to purchase them, which would make them a lot more expensive for me. It would not limit my use of bags, I would just have to purchase them instead of getting them for free. When I have enough of a stash of bags, I bring my own cloth bags in and use them. I keep them in the trunk of my car. I only use the plastic and paper bags when I run out of them at home. However, I especially would miss the plastic bags from restaurants because that food is much more likely to drip and make a mess in my cloth bags.

Plastic bags persist in the environment and contribute to wildlife injury and death.

Plastic is a marvelous invention, made to last HUNDREDS of years. We're idiots (myself included) to use it in single-use applications. It truly is only logical to use reusables as much as possible, plastic where we need something to last hundreds of years, and use natural materials when we truly need a single use tool. I don't want my world buried in the billions of tons of plastic accumulating today!

I use plastic grocery bags as garbage bags at home.

The plastic bags become litter very easily, and they don't break down. Just last week with the creeks flooding you can see bags caught in brush and trees on the banks. They are an ecological nightmare, and we need to get rid of them.

It is better for the environment.

We need to hear from all sides. This may impose a competitive disadvantage if it is not statewide. Maybe there could be a sunset clause. How effective would this program be versus a bag deposit and recovery system? Will these fees actually be used for used for waste reduction or will they be redirected to some other pork project?

Many people already bring their own bags and everyone else should be doing it, too. It's a matter of habit. Charging for bags definitely encourages people to make the effort or not use a bag at all. It's the environmentally responsible thing to do.

Plastic bags have been shown to be very harmful for the environment. Then there is the littering issue - bags blowing around landing wherever.

It seems to be working for Forest Grove and Portland.

Because the plastic bags are recycled being used for trash bags. Also you do not see any plastic bags on the roads. You are trying to kill jobs when you ban plastic bags.

Single use plastics are damaging our planet. We need to encourage alternative products a ban would help us do that.

Their disposal has a negative effect on our environment.

I support efforts to reduce plastic waste, but am somewhat concerned about the impact on low-income people who may not be able to justify buying reusable bags. They would be unduly punished with a charge on paper bags.

Plastic waste is a huge environmental polluter. We need to reduce the amount of plastic we use.

Because I believe it will help to reduce plastic waste

I don't think we need such a drastic ban.

Single use bags are difficult or impossible to recycle and I end up tossing them in the garbage. I prefer to use either paper bags or my own reusable ones.

We always re-use our plastic grocery bags for picking up dog poop or packing a lunch for work. They never go to waste.

We need to be proactive in helping to reduce plastic Waste. His is an excellent start.

I have used my own shopping bags for 15 years, it becomes a habit.

Helping the planet we live in.

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I recycle my bags. I don't need government running my life. Please concentrate on important issues, such paying for better schools. Better roads

And also please eliminate the plastic takeout boxes. Many have already done so. 1) it goes into garbage. 2) It is not good for environment. 3) We are not allowed any compost or recycling of large boxes here through Pride, and so the problem is made more complex. We in King City have VERY small garbage cans. Plastic is bad.... I have been purchasing the reusable bags. But, This doesn't prevent the lack of being able to compost, nor recycle boxes in King City without a huge fee.

They are fucking terrible for the planet. ☹️

It's good for the environment

Plastic bags are easier to use and I also use the plastic bags for other purposes. I have containers in my kitchen and garage for reusing plastic bags.

They're not necessary and are a terrible tax on our environment.

plastic bags lead to litter, are not easily biodegradable, contribute to pollution, aren't necessary

Most plastic bags are reused for trash bags and will only be replaced with other types of plastic bags. If you are going to do this you should outlaw all plastic bags including trash bags.

To save the wild life!!!!

Our oceans have become a dumping ground for plastic bags. Please do away with them.

Plastic is a huge environmental burden that we need to eliminate in as many ways as possible.

landfill problems

My goal last year into 2019 is to be more aware and conscious of single use containers of any kind. I started washing and reusing all bags and containers I got from New Seasons and buying in bulk whenever possible. I was actually considering talking to New Seasons about doing an event to raise awareness on reusing bags and getting mesh bags for groceries instead of getting single use plastic everytime. So, to summarize, I think this would be a great policy that would bring everyone's attention to what we are doing to our own environment for the sake of convenience.

I use reusable bags, but on the occasion that I don't have mine I will need another option.

The ban is not based on facts or actual statistics but on the religious views of environmentalists.

We end up with more plastic bags than we can re-use (garbage bags, dog poop bags, etc). Restricting single use bags will give people (like my husband) incentive to remember to use the reusable bags that we already have in the car.

It is best for the environment

It's time we stop single use plastic

For environmental reasons, I believe it's a good idea to limit the plastic we produce. Single use plastic bags are a good start.

It's about time! Do it please, please, please. So many people could be using cloth bags and just don't because plastic is easy. They don't even try asking for paper.

the reusable bags can be filthy unless they are laundered routinely. That's time, water and soap wasted not to mention electrical power

This would be a great way to reduce or eliminate plastic bags from the environment. More power to this policy!!

I consistently reuse the plastic bags for taking my lunch to work, or for doggie duty. I'd now have to purchase them separately, and they'd end up in the same place as the store plastic bags do now. Also, reusable grocery bags have been shown to be petri dishes for food borne illnesses. So, emphatically no.

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The environmental costs of Single-use plastics far outweigh the minor inconveniences consumers will experience as they relearn their shopping practices.

I reuse the bags

It would be ridiculous to charge for paper bags. Stores have provided bags and included the cost of those bags in the price of groceries and food for decades. Why charge for bags now simply because other places are doing it. My family has always used plastic bags to collect our trash and prevent our trash from being strewn across the street. With babies and young children, we reuse plastic bags to dispose of dirty diapers. There are plenty of ways to reuse bags. Oregon already charges 10 cents for every imaginable type of plastic bottle and then requires you to insert bottles one by one for "deposit" return. Leave the plastic bags alone. Kroger stores are already phasing them out. No need to escalate the process.

Use less plastic!

It is wasteful and unnecessary

Plastic is ruining our Earth.

I don't like paying for paper bags but am fine bringing my own.

Too many bags in in the environment already

It would help the environment.

I would support this since there isn't a convenient or easily accessible way currently to recycle plastic bags.

sanation

We have to solve the plastic problem and get rid of as much single use plastic items as possible. Please also try to eliminate single use plastic straws

It is the right thing to do!

I reuse the plastic grocery bags I do take so I would still use plastic bags if I wasnt getting them free with my groceries. (Garbage bags, dog poo bags, etc)

Cut down on waste.

I don't think we need more ordinances restricting citizens and businesses. I believe most people will use reusable bags because they are better, more serviceable than flimsy plastic. Government should not have to force citizens.

These bags end up in the landfills and are a huge waste!

Most people don't know how to reuse or recycle them.

Reduce the number of single use plastic bags. I don't think you should charge for paper. Maybe implement that in a few years.

Reduce waste!

There is no reason why I can not bring a bag for my groceries or other items I buys. We are just lazy not using our own bags.

I support any and all efforts to reduce plastic use, especially single-use plastic items

I use the bags at home for trash bags in the bedrooms and bathrooms. Basically I would have to buy plastic trash bags versus being able to re-use the ones I get at the store/restaurant.

Please ban single use plastic bags at all grocery store, restaurant and retail stores in Washington County. There are easy alternative solutions than are not so detrimental to the environment.

Single-use bags are wasteful and pollute our environment.

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It is a pain to recycle the plastic bags. Paper bags need to have handles.

Reusable bags make sense. We need to build it in the culture and enforce this plastic bag ban. I really like the fee for using a paper bag.

plastic bags do not help our environment, they hurt it

To preserve our fossil fuels!

Reduce waste

Reducing plastic waste is very important and we should all be concerned the environmental impacts attributed to the plastic waste stream.

It would force stores to present an alternative. I bring my bags, my husband does not he is loathe to ask for something special...

Plastic bags are bad for the planet. I am willing to sacrifice convenience to leave a better world for my grandchildren.

it seems it is kind of obvious plastic is a major pollution problem We cannot really recycle it and it kills many animals.

Better for the environment and it was not a hard thing to adjust to when I lived in Multnomah county.

this is a solution in search of a problem. plastic bags from here do NOT end up in the great garbage pile in the Pacific, most of that comes from China.

Yes because, this policy will be environment friendlier!

You see plastic bags littered everywhere. They are horrible for the environment. They dont break down.

Too much waste and harmful to the environment.

They can be recycled

To help keep plastic bags out of the environment.

They're difficult to recycle and end up blowing around, in landfills, clogging recycling facilities, etc. It's easy enough to use reusable bags - or get paper ones when necessary. I have lived in across Europe for several years, and nobody bats an eye at NOT getting a bag when they shop.

Porque es lo más sustentable, puede ser facilmente reemplazado con bolsqs reutilizables.

Plastic bags are bad for the environment and create excessive landfill

So much better for the environment!

Reuse-able bags are the best. If I was charged a fee for paper I would be motivated to use reuse-able bags

Re-usable bags are easy to get and low cost with multiple (even years) of regular use.

Paper is not convenient

If you assess waste honestly and scientifically, plastic bags are not a significant source of pollution or wasted resources. They can be unsightly around the city, but banning them is much more of a virtue signal by city councils than a true honest gesture.

Because single use is a waste. It's disgusting when I see how many plastic bags are being used in one shopping spree per one household. Single-use bags aren't even properly filled, some contain two items at most!

Better for the environment. People will adjust their habits to use reusable bags if needed.

Individuals should bear the responsibility without it being forced on them. Many people use the plastic bags over and over for other uses once they have delivered groceries or other purchases.

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Plastic bags are horrific for the environment.

Too much plastic waste

We shouldn't have to pay for a bag. Make the ordinance that they have to provide a paper bag, but don't charge consumers for it.

To reduce waste

People will not change their old habits unless they are forced to. Carrying reusable bags in your car should be the new habit for everyone.

Because while I think climate change policies need to come more from a corporate scale at this point than focusing on the individual consumer, I do think bag bans are a helpful and visible way that we can help on an individual level. I think Washington county joining the other cities/counties who have enacted this would send a strong message as well.

I had it in another county, and it was fine, after the initial annoyance w complainers.

It's just good environmental stewardship. They serve no real purpose beyond their initial use and are a detriment to the environment. If they weren't available people may be more motivated to bring their reusable bags.

Yes, because until "Plastic" bags can decompose quickly, we need to hold ourselves accountable in protecting the environment.

Some store use too many, and they just end up in a landfill.

Single use plastics is a huge problem for our environment. Encouraging consumers to bring their own bags or not use a bag at all is a step in the right direction.

We have too much plastic waste in the oceans and in the landfills already.

Plastic bags have many uses and I save them

Why is this only affecting unincorporated Washington County? You need to stop treating unincorporated Washington County as your experiment playground and not managing the incorporated areas the same way. Similar practices are not the same as identical practices and there needs to be a consistent implementation of policy across the entirety of Washington County.

We need to consider the future of our planet.

I already carry my own fabric bags.

Plastic is not good for the environment and I care about the future of our planet.

Plastic bags are a very small portion of our trash and will not make a big impact on land fills. They should focus on bigger and more impactful issues. Also, plastic bags get used multiple times like for trash, pet waste disposal, etc.

First, I don't believe it is part of the county's job to determine anything like this. When you have a handle on traffic, policing and crime, then maybe we could talk about it. Second, it makes very little difference to the issue of solid waste. It is more of a "feel good" measure that plays well in the media but accomplishes little toward the goal.

Third, it removes one more choice that people can use or not as they see fit and it is not the county's business to nanny its citizens. Fourth, single use bags are far more sanitary for food handling than reusable bags as reusable bags don't necessarily get cleaned properly. Single use bags should especially be available for restaurant take-out food. Lastly, why on earth is it any of the county's business?

. There's no reason a grocery store should be allowed to "litter" our streets/planet for a customers convenience.

I don't like government interference. Also, I believe a lot of people re-use these single use bags. Make it a personal choice for people to use or not use - government needs to stay out of it.

We must protect the environment now for future generations. Plastic bags, straws, etc. are killing wildlife, destroying the oceans and ruining the environment.

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I think our plastics need a more stringent recycling program so they do not end up in rivers and streams. I'm not sure if the above proposal is really a solution to this.

Can re-use plastic bags for other things.

We are killing the planet with plastic. Individuals alone can't change that.

When we get these bags home, we use them for many other purposes, so in a sense, they are not just "single use" bags. We use them in our wastebaskets for trash, thereby eliminating the need to purchase more plastic bags. We also use our own bags when we shop for groceries, but I prefer to put meat in its own plastic bag for cleanliness purposes. If people don't clean their own reusable bags, are they bringing health issues into the grocery store?

Less Plastic is always a positive.

Have you seen pictures of all the plastic in our oceans? Disgusting.

Because plastic is bad for animals.

Plastic bags are often used by pet owners for dealing with their leavings or in the collection of other 'toxic' items. I'd also like to point out that we live in a rainy environment, and carrying paper bags is problematic.

They may be designated as 'single-use' but in reality, people use them again for household things, to gather garbage, dog poop, etc.

Single use plastic is a menace - convenience at a very high price. Not all of it can, or should, go away - but the bags are a no-brainer.

To reduce non-recyclable waste.

Businesses will respond to customer wants. We do not need more "feel good" laws that have little/no impact; we need our government to serve its residents effectively. Further government should not mandate a "bag charge" if a business wishes to provide the service for free it should be free to do so.

anything to help the general public to minimize our waste ...

Recycle bag if not cleaned regular collect lots of bacteria which cause illness

There is much too much plastic in this world. CA has successfully done this. People will learn to adjust.

We have to rethink our consumption of plastic and single use items.

To protect the environment.

Come on how hard is it to bring a reusable bag to the grocery store instead of using crap plastic ones??

If you forget your reusable bag, do you get charged this "small fee" for every paper bag you use?

It is horrible to see single use plastic bags on a day to day basis. As a society we ought to be conscious about using unnecessary resources and at the cost of polluting the entire planet.

Get the plastic out of the environment for the sake of humans, land animals and ocean life. Please.

I'd like to see all businesses limiting single use plastic items

Single use is a misrepresentation. In our household we reuse them multiple times with the last use as a trash bag.

Plastics are a bane to our existence.. A threat to all living beings.. We can all get by without the "convenience" of plastic bags and plastic straws.

They are wasteful, they pollute our waterways, they clog up the recycling sorting machines, and they are not environmentally friendly in any way.

These bags blow away in the wind, ending up at the side of the road and in water ways.

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Winco blames the City. Winco Managers divert my entreaties, and say "talk to the City Officials who make the laws."

Observations: a large proportion of citizens are not making choices as stewards of our environment. By my observation, every other family loads their carts with 13-15 plastic bag heedless of impacts to our Planet. And, that is just one shopping trip! People are mindless, and negligent and have no regard for the impacts of their choices. Also, I observe that a vast number of families of other cultures heap their carts with plastic bagged groceries. If bags are there for the taking, this will go on unchecked due to lack of education and ignorance, and opting out, turning a blind eye to the integrity our environment. It has to stop. Big business has to get involved!!!!

The environmental impact of making reusable bags isn't all that great either.

There are many alternatives to single use plastic bags, and reusable bags are available everywhere.

Many folks are not responsible enough to recycle them so they end up in landfills and oceans

Studies are inconclusive that single use bags, either plastic or paper, are more polluting or more climate change impactful than reusable bags. The only study I have seen concluded that reusable bags needed 100 uses to balance out their increased impact, and that reusable bags rarely survived 100 uses. This seems like a feel good action that is actually detrimental.

If other places are doing, I don't see a reason of why not doing it here in WA county/City.

Because I reuse plastic bags in my home for small trash cans for bath rooms and office area. I also use them for dog waste. When I ride my bike plastic bags are easier as they are small and have handles. In the rain they don't get wet and soak thru and break.

We need to reduce our plastic consumption and the first step is restricting use of disposable plastic grocery bags.

And have to do something with the plastic packages everything has multiple plastic bags to put on the selves, I don't want to pay for plastic garbage in everything that I buy. The one use plastic bag at the end is less problem than hundreds of different plastics and boxes from all the products.

While I think that all stores should offer paper in addition to plastic bags, paper is not good for everything. Cold and frozen items can melt, making the bag wet and easier to tare/rip. The same applies if something breaks or spills in the bag, such as eggs. I don't know if this would restrict plastic bags for produce, but if so I don't agree with that either. We also re-use the plastic bagame for other things, such as lunches, cleaning the cat bad, etc. Then we recycle them as well. It would be nice if all stores that offer plastic bags also offered a place to leave them for recycling.

single use plastic bags are a complete waste. They hold very little, rip and can't be used again because they are so fragile. you must incentive/force consumers to not use them. this is the only way to do it.

I think it is the right thing to do

Don't want people exposed to chemicals during their manufacturing

I have reusable bags I carry and turn down all plastic bags.

Single use bags are hard to recycle and tear easily. I've lived in towns that adopted similar policies and after a short time everyone adjusted.

I don't need another thing to remember to bring with me to avoid fees. Paper bags are not convenient, nor is having to store and remember to bring my own bags. I don't buy the same amount of food each time, so having my own bags isn't something I want to have to do.

It's easier than ever to find and use eco-friendly bag replacements: -customers can take reusable bags to the store - restaurants can reuse boxes and containers -when bags are necessary, compostable bags should be used

Because they are perfect for cat litter.

something to limit non-recyclable waste--even small--is useful for our childrens' futures.

Plastics are ubiquitous and even the most mindful consumer can barely limit their use. Demonstrated even in our pristine waterways it's time to find an alternative that breaks down and even go further with the food industry to

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remove styrofoam and plastic wrapping.

We have lots of other options and it's just a change in habits. We need to change our habits and maybe save the earth!!

I use the bags for other things like picking up after my dog

I want to protect the environment from this needless waste

I re-use the plastic bags from grocery stores as my garbage bags. So they aren't single use to me.

I'm against the fee for paper bags. Bags are already priced into the products I am buying. I don't get a discount when plastic bags are banned and instead get charged a fee. When I lived in Eugene I did as much shopping in Springfield as possible because of the fee for paper bags/plastic bag ban

Dumb idea. I would have to buy bags to do the same thing when I am already recycling and upcycling

It's extremely unsustainable and harmful to the environment.

I reuse my bags as garbage sacks throughout my home, and if I didn't have them, I would just have to buy some, which wouldn't decrease the amount of plastic used.

Slight but worthwhile waste mitigation

Plastics and micro plastics are one of the most pervasive pollutants and so easily reduced by simply changing one's mindset slightly away from "use it and lose it." Stores in Europe have been charging for single-use bags for over 30 years.

Plastic bags are no longer readily recyclable.

I do have some reusable grocery bags, but I extensively use plastic and some paper bags. I reuse the paper bags and religiously recycle the plastic. To not be able to do so, would be a major inconvenience. I guess I could make up for the lost time by not recycling plastic bags.

It would be consistent with the policies of many cities and would substantially reduce plastic waste in the region.

They are wasteful and are just another item needlessly pollute our planet.

We have to do something to reduce the waste.

I reuse the single-use bags for many things so they are not actually single-use!! Most people I know reuse the bags too. It's not wise to make everyone buy plastic bags to use them when we can re-use the grocery single-use bags cause that's recycling! Also, putting meat and other messy items in reusable bags is not sanitary.

It's wasteful

Educate and change behaviors to arrive at the same goal.

It is wasteful, unsightly, and keeps adding to the global waste mankind is already producing.

FOR THE HEALTH & WELFARE OF MY GRANDCHILDREN

I would like to see specific research comparing the environmental cost of producing both paper and plastic AND reusable bags.

There are affordable alternatives to plastic. Better for our earth to use cloth!

We need to take care of our environment

I reuse plastic bags for many different uses. If they're no longer available, I will have to start purchasing plastic bags elsewhere.

Single use plastic bags are wasteful and unneeded. To save the planet, we need to start acting responsibly

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I have been recycling for years, let's try and reduce the waste going to landfills.

Stores & restaurants should decide what to provide. If customers don't want the plastic bags, then they are not forced to take them.

There are alternatives that are less wasteful and harmful for our whole planet.

Starts as fossil fuels & ends up polluting land & ocean.

Needs to be done

I don't like how they fly around when not disposed of properly.

Business Owners and consumers should be free to choose whatever type of product they want to sell or buy. Our local government should address public issues and stop trying to regulate or "ban" personal choice items. Where is the "liberty and justice for all" in regulating something like a bag? If the argument in favor is predicated on protecting our beautiful state and environment, then I'd challenge us all to ask why can't our public servants enforce the laws we already have in place regarding proper disposal of one-time use bags?

Plastic bags are unnecessary waste. I always use reusable grocery bags or paper.

This state has a lot of other things to do. This kind of items are just things that upset most of the Oregonians. Do your job government...

This should not be a tax or fee

Many people use them for garbage bags. They may not have the money to then purchase plastic bags for the same use

Because plastic is destroying our ecosystems.

There's no good reason to limit the stores or the consumers in this choice. I believe Trader Joe's has chosen on their own not to have plastic bags and other stores can make that choice, but it should be their choice. Consumers should also have a choice when the store makes it available.

Saving money is a big motivator. How did we ever get by without plastic bags before?

Among the myriad of reasons: 1) plastic bags are not biodegradable and break down into ever smaller pieces polluting soil and water and entering our food web 2) Plastic bags contain chemicals that, among other issues, disrupt hormones. ... 99) Banning plastic bags work as evidenced by China's banning of plastic bag that led to a huge reduction in plastic bags in landfill and elsewhere.

I really hate bringing home the plastic bags and not being able to recycle them.

Stupid idea and a total waste of government's time. What's next, a ban on 32oz drinks, straws? Government can't solve the big issues (homeless, drugs, abuse, traffic) so they have to do something to think they are useful - like attack poor plastic bags.

There are a lot of misconceptions out there about single use plastic and the environment.

There are WAY TOO MANY regulations. Way too many. Let people be.

It is significantly better for the environment. It keeps the bags out of the landfills and waterways, and it's better for wildlife as well. I am 100% for no plastic bags!

Too much plastic to recycle. Most people are putting them in their garbage cans and they are going in the landfill. Killing birds and fish!

To help the environment

Plastic bags are an environmental nightmare

plastic bags do not belong in the landfill, they will be there for thousands of years. get rid of them now.

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I reuse them at home.

Minimize waste!

Many people use the plastic bags for waste basket trash liners, if they aren't available wouldn't they just buy plastic bags instead. Seems requiring retailers to use compostible bags would be a better solution.

It would be easy for us to get used to taking our own bags

It is not practical to bring reusable bags for all situations. An incentive to use reusable bags when appropriate (grocery store, etc.) would be a better solution.

There's too much plastic polluting our world.

Plastic bags are harmful to the environment

They are difficult to recycle and harmful. I think the majority of people already have reusable totes.

Bag bans negativity impact our most vulnerable population groups forcing them to purchase reuseable bags which have a greater carbon footprint anyway or be forced to attempt to transport purchases in flimsy paper sacks in our damp climate.

I use the bags as garbage liners and would now have to pay for garbage bags.

I use them for trash..I would just have to buy them then...my use of plastic bags would not decrease

I generally support any green initiatives the county can take to reduce unnecessary waste. I think this is a good incentive to discourage the use of single-use plastic.

Yes, assuming there is also a fee for paper bags.

It is about time. We need to work on lowering our plastic us.

Single use plastics are harmful on multiple levels.

Saving the planet one plastic bag at a time

These single use bags are wasteful and already littered everywhere. Single use plastic items are bag for future generations.

There is absolutely NO reason for plastic bags.

It is better for the environment.

No effective options for recycling. Destruction of oceans. They kill animals. Would support ban of plastic packages on six-packs of beverages, stir sticks, beverage cups, clamshell packaging, etc. Ban all of it, please.

Plastic bags are a waste of resources, end up not only in landfills it RVERWHERE, and are ultimately unnecessary. (Were they even an option at grocery stores 30 years ago?)

So if I'm getting carry-out or have left-overs they won't give me a bag? I'm not sure I can predict that at all times and have a bag at the ready.

To help protect our environment. Create less waste.

To limit waste and non-biodegradable waste

Totally. We need to use paper or reusable plastic. Get rid of plastic bags.

We need to cut back on waste that doesn't decompose and the processes for making plastics.

We live in a state full of trees . Biodegradable

They cause too many problems with recycling.

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we have lost so many things we used to be able to recycle, it would be nice to get people to start being aware again. Oregon used to be a leader and now we can't recycle anything. Let's get rid of clam shell plastics too. We need stricter guidelines. If I can't recycle it or compost it it shouldn't be something I have to take from the store. Make the stores give us options to leave that stuff there. Then maybe they will get tired of all the garbage and put more pressure on the manufacture. Just an idea. Thanks for getting this started. Every bit helps.

Environmental issues

Not everyone has a car to carry bags in. Sometimes you can't hold everything with you. Why should you be charged extra just because you forgot. I would be okay with a plastic ban as long as paper bags were free.

I'm conflicted. I completely understand the environmental impact of plastic bags; however, we still use them in other contexts. For example, our family uses plastic bags we get from stores as garbage bags in our bathrooms, to pick up pet waste, etc. Because we use the bags we get from stores, we don't purchase these types of bags. If there was a fee, we wouldn't actually limit our use of these bags, we would just end up paying the fee or we would buy small plastic bags from a retailer. If the goal is to limit the environmental impact of these bags, the ultimate solution would be to identify a biodegradable version of them. If the money raised from this initiative went towards funding that sort of initiative, I would be in support of it.

We need to reduce plastic waste.

I do find those plastic bags handy and will reuse them at times. When I don't need a plastic bag, I usually get the paper bags because I will reuse them as well. Or I just decline the bag if I don't need it. I take grocery bags to go to the grocery store, but not always.

Small changes create positive environments.

I use them just like everyone else does, why not just educate people on how to reuse their bags? California charges for bags and it doesn't need to get that absurd.

I reuse my single use plastic bags and paper bags in rainy weather in Oregon are worthless. If I forget my reusable bags at home, I could potentially be using a lot more fuel and pollution just to get my recycle bags to avoid the paper bags. Nonsense.

We have to start somewhere trying to save the environment.

The plastic pollution is out of control. We need to start getting rid of it. We also need to find a way to eliminate the use of #1 plastic clam shells.

Plastic Island in the Pacific and dead sea life.

Do the whole county not just unincorporated areas.

We need to cut down on the overuse of plastic.

Sometimes plastic is the best tool for the job.

Other counties in Oregon do this and it seems to be working fine. Yes, let's do the right thing too..

It would help save our environment

Plastic bags litter road sides, blowing in the wind like urban tumbleweeds. They also foul up machines at recycle facilities when they end up in curbside recycle bins.

The oceans are full of plastics. We must stop using plastic.and why are people and businesses still allowed to use styrofoam???? We write the year 2019!! Get proactive Hillsboro!!!

To make effective change in reducing plastic waste.

They end up in our oceans killing wildlife and landfills killing our planet.

I think it's shameful that this is still an argument. Those bags cause so much harm and for no purpose.

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I've read that plastic bags are terrible problems in recycling facilities, gumming up the machines. Plastic bags are also awful for birds & wildlife, & the plastic bags often end up stuck in trees or in streams.

Because the term "single-use" is not necessarily accurate. Sure there are exceptions, just like there would be exceptions for the "reusable" bags - (sometimes they get thrown away before being used multiple times too). But I, and most people I know, reuse the plastic bags at least one more time. And if all of our plastic bags are making it into the ocean (as some people say), when most of us live someplace besides next to a waterway, then there is a problem in the way we are handling trash!

Because my hands are already full. I do use reusable bags, but on the odd day I don't have one just let me use a plastic sack with handles to carry it and 1 million other items to and from my home. (Plastic is banned in my side of town already! We can't even get a decent paper bag with a handle.) Especially prefer a thin plastic for raw meat. I'm disgusted by grocers packing meat then vegetables on top. Besides, it will be used again and repurposed! Change to a degradable plastic, or recycled but banning them entirely is ridiculous.

It really helps the environment and shows Washington County shares the same goals and concerns.

They are toxic and bad for our planet.

Plastic bags are convenient and very very cheap.

There are many alternatives to plastic bags. We should be like other countries, such as France, where the store has no bags available, you bring your own or you have to buy one in the store. Plastic is an environmental hazard and we need to show others that the environment matters in Washington County.

They are a menace to the environment, especially the oceans. They are also completely unnecessary

I have so many uses for plastic bags at home. Garbage bags, storage containers, grabbing nasty stuff, etc.

I work with people who have disabilities and they are strongly in need of those plastic bags; they re-use them as possible. They are responsible about getting them into the recycling at grocery stores. And, I prefer seeing alternatives to recycling & re-use versus restrictions and charging for bags.

Environmental concerns

Overall I am in favor and we already use reusable bags a lot--but we also use the grocery store plastic bags to line our trash cans and enjoy having them around for that purpose.

We should care about our environment.

Plastic bags are a littering eyesore that migrates from landfills further impacting the environment on land and sea.

Because it's a good environmental policy.

Plastic is terrible for the environment and business should be just as responsible for the environment as private citizens.

Plastic bags can't be recycled, so they contribute to pollution. Stores should only offer paper bags, which can be recycled.

don't want government dictating private business policy.

I hate seeing plastic blowing in the wind.

We should eliminate all nonessential single-use packaging and materials to reduce consumption and waste.

Why in the world are you only applying this to UNINCORPORATED Washington County? What a divisive idea! Those of us in unincorporated Wash Co already feel like you treat us as 2nd class citizens, we already feel disenfranchised. Now you're going to run yet another social experiment on us? No thanks.

Convenient

Do not really need them; never had plastic bags when I grew up.

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Limit waste. Portland is successful

To reduce waste produced in our region.

Single use plastic bags are bad for the environment

I support policies like this because of wastefulness. I also support charging people a small fee (\$.10)per plastic bag.

I have been using reusable bags for over 15 years and find it quite easy but I think there are others that need some encouragement to do the same! The quality of the plastic bags in stores is poor anyway and I see them actually using two when bagging! What a wasteful approach!

The Earth

Too much plastic that is just being thrown out and cannot be recycled. We need to start somewhere and this is a good start. You could impose a fee for each bag, say a quarter and then people would start bringing their own bags. The store will save money eventually so it would be a win-win.

I very much dislike plastic anything. Paper bags are better and always hold more items anyway.

It's easy to do and we can help out.

I don't like being mandated to me what is right and wrong. Spending time to educate businesses and people will make a conscious choice to not use these bags. Forcing people will create backlash and "nanny law" mentality. BUT, the quicker easier solution is to create divide and pass a law. Ultimately, if it helps people do the right thing, then a law will work. When will we stop spending money on creating the laws and start conversation to help people come to the right decision on their own?

Because they contribute to a lot of pollution. They are easy blown around and are totally unnecessary.

People should be responsible enough to bring their own bags. Businesses should decide this as part of running a responsible business. There should not be a penalty fee for needing a bag.

I think any curtail on garbage and plastic is a good thing since there are very few places you can recycle plastic bags most people just throw them away or do not reuse them

I reuse the single-use plastic bags for trash, my lunch, etc., so for me, they aren't single-use.

Plastic pollution is destroying our environment in so many ways! We should do what we can to curb this problem, while remaining sensitive to the needs to our neighbors with disabilities who may rely on plastic resources.

There is a greater population of individuals that count every penny. To incorporate a fee for bags especially if they do not include handles seems biased against the less fortunate. I'm all for working towards creating an environmentally better earth, so why not provide paper bags with handles at no cost.

Yes; I think for most people it will be a trivial inconvenience/expense that will help reduce single-use plastic. That said, I would want to be sure first that there aren't unforeseen negative impacts on people with disabilities.

It's ideal but not supportive of businesses. Our system in the US is for a lot of grocery shopping at once. And I admit I am not as educated about this as I might be. Don't we have plenty of landfill space in Oregon? Most of the state is unoccupied. So would it really be making any difference other than it sounds like you are making a difference but you really aren't? Again, I welcome education on the matter. I do use my own bags when I'm not buying much but for bigger stores like Fred Meyers I think it's practical. For take out and things plastic is more user friendly for small businesses. I do refuse bags when possible at retail stores.

Most of the time that I go shopping I am bringing my own bags anyway. Most people will pay the extra 5 cents if they don't have a bag with them, look at what folks pay for soda and water.

Promotes waste difficult to get rid of

Because I'm sick and tired of government overreach micromanaging the smallest aspects of citizen's lives. This is an egregious example. And plastic bags have other purposes and can be reused as well.

They are harmful to the environment and wasteful

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This should not target only UNINCORPORATED WaCo. But, all of WaCo should or should not participate. There is no reason to discriminate against those who live in unincorporated areas of the counties.

We need to utilize every tool in our toolbox to help protect the environment for future generations. Reusable bags or biodegradable bags are the only way to go. Just like plastic straws....get rid of them!

If I don't have a bag to take my leftovers in, it would be hard for me to carry them. Also people with disabilities may have to balance packages on their lap or loop them over a wheelchair handle. I have tons of reusable bags, but don't always want to carry one into a restaurant.

Not single use in this house. Good for cat litter and lining waste baskets, etc. If banned I will end up buying plastic bags for those purposes.

Because plastic is harmful to the environment and there are much better alternatives

Reusable bags are costly and can carry bacteria after holding meats if you don't wash them between uses.

Plastic bags are bad for the environment and unnecessary

I try to remember to bring my own bags but... I really like the paper bags with handles. I do reuse the plastic bags at least once after bringing them home. I use the paper bags for recycling paper.

It is not the governments job to dictate, let the free market decide.

Then we go to paper bags

Single use plastic is a huge waste and needlessly adds volume to landfills. Using reusable bags is easy once we get in the habit. I don't mind paying for paper bags either -- in the long run we pay for everything. It's just a matter of the cost being visible or hidden. I like how Natural Grocers uses boxes. That's an option too!

Good for the environment.

Leave us alone We do not need a ban on this Remember when the government banned paper bags?

Causes too much garage in environment.

Single use plastic bags create trash that stays in our landfills for a long long time. They are easily replaceable by reusable alternatives.

More important things to address

We must limit fossil fuels or we will kill our children. Easy to do. There is no choice we must change.

Individual freedom.

This is hugely inconvenient and will just result in use of far more paper bags. A better option might be to charge for the use of plastic bags.

I still prefer using plastic bags

We strongly support reusable bags.

Plastic is terrible for the environment.

The "single use" plastic bags get reused more around our house than the higher energy and material cost paper bags. They're used for everything from kitty litter to automobile trash bags. More importantly we don't need government telling us what products we are able to buy or use and nudging us in directions that don't fit their charter.

Limit plastic use.

What if the charge was more for a plastic bag than for a paper bag.

Many so-called single use plastic bags have an essential secondary use as: trash bags, lunch bags, carry bags, animal

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waste bags. There is a sanitary aspect to using plastic bags. Many of the re-usable bags are cloth or fabric which are subject to spills and contamination. Is the time, cost, and pollution worth washing the re-usable bags? As well, does society want old or dirty or contaminated bags being placed at the end of grocery store checkout stations? Also there is an important health benefit not being acknowledged. The definition of 'single use' should be 'clean and sterile'. Maybe the effort should be placed in educating society on secondary uses of plastic bags. And if necessary, redesign the 'single use' plastic bags to have secondary uses. Restrictions and Bans do not promote innovation. .

Hate that plastic bags have to go in the trash

Single use plastic bags are terrible for the environment.

We need to reduce the use of plastic

they are an environmental hazard--killing many animals

There are plenty of alternative options in addition to them being awful for the environment. They also are a huge hassle in trying to responsibly dispose of them once taken home!

Global use of single use plastics is a very serious problem. We need to stop producing plastics we don't reuse now.

Because it's hard to remember to bring the reusable bags with me every time I go shopping.

Too many other ways to transport groceries and goods.

It is an easy transition, and washable bags are sturdier, and just plain superior to the wasteful plastic. I have been doing this in other cities that have banned plastic bags, and while there is initial push back from Luddites., it goes away once they get used to having a few bags flying around their car.

Very important to get plastic bags out of the environment.

Instead of eliminating them all together or charging a fee, I prefer methods I've seen other countries use at first of eliminating plastic bags once a week or on certain days of the month to get people used to the idea at first such as "every first saturday" or "every other Tuesday" that way people can get used to the idea before completing eliminating them

I love those plastic bags for other uses at home

Depends on which stores were restricted - would support if for grocery stores but not restaurants or most other stores when you do not know for sure if you will need a bag.

I use the plastic bags I get from stores

paper is bulky

I'm a stroke survivor, with a bad memory, and I use a cane to walk. If I forgot a bag from home, and then bought a few items and needed a bag, it would be difficult to use a bag without handles. I prefer the plastic ones because then I reuse them for my smaller garbage cans, and for my vehicle's garbage. Cheryl E.

Better for the environment

I reuse them in my small trash cans (bathroom, guest bedroom, etc.)

We should all reduce or eliminate plastic use.

Reduces waste and will help us be better stewards of the earth.

It's very easy to bring your own bags, or use paper bags in a pinch.

Our earth needs it I'm in college and use reusable bags. People look at me funny sometimes buy it proves that literally everyone can make it work. It's not hard to use your own bags!

The environment!

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Eliminating plastic bag helps to reduce waste and will help the environment

Waste and harm to wildlife

Media hype on damage plastic bags is overblown. We actually keep reuse them for household uses to a great extent, and only dispose of when they are no longer usable. Too much political correctness here. Paper bags are actually harder on the environment than plastic bags, per some research.

Plastic bags of this sort are not necessary. There are other less wasteful and less noxious (to wildlife, especially marine) alternatives.

I re-use plastic shopping bags, a lot. Trash can liners, in the trunk for dirty shoes, etc. In fact, great idea, I should bring them back to the store and re-use them there too.

Better for environment

These are terrible for the environment.

We can't continue to use single-use plastic. It's unnecessary and harmful.

There are now many available options outside of single use plastic bags. Between paper and reusable bags, it should be reasonable to ask those establishments to limit their use.

We need to consider our environment. Most people do not recycle the plastics that we can and the amount that is recycled is not enough. It is easy and convenient to bring multi use bags for shopping.

Why - to limit the amount of plastics in our food and water supply and reduce the use of the resources necessary to create this incredible amount of waste. And I hate seeing them in trees.

It's a good idea for the environment

A small change in people's shopping habits (bringing your own bag) would have big benefits in many areas. It is done in less developed countries around the world and should be adopted here.

Moving away from casual use of throw-away plastic is important to the environment. People are getting more used to providing their own bags, so this is simply the next step forward.

Our convenience is not worth the ecological damage that these single use plastic bags are doing.

They are convenient, easy to use, and I recycle them. People can already choose paper in many instances or bring their own bags. If this was going to be a "law" then we should at least be able to vote on it.

Because it is hard to remember to bring in reusable bags. Also it is ridiculous to charge people for bags when a lot of them can't afford it.

I reuse these bags I would just have to start buying plastic bags to line my garbage cans.

Convenience, as shopping at random and remembering bags all the time. It's understood that the environment should be considered. Most businesses lean right as they are pro business, therefore Pro-Trump and anti environmental. Also they resist regulations that protect the consumer and the environment. To pass this responsibility on to the consumer without holding the real culprits accountable is a travesty. It should be incumbent on the store to utilize creative and cost effective means without burden to the average citizen. And what precedent does this set for further regulatory codes to be passed. The environment is undoubtedly all of our collective responsibility but to pick on the smaller consumer and nickel and dime folks just living paycheck to paycheck is wrong. It's time to encourage businesses to be more accountable and creative, The consumer is already burdened by frivolous arbitrary fees and deposits ect.

Plastic bags are made from fossil fuels, do not break down for a very long time, and currently cannot be recycled.

I believe in it, I have been using my own bags for years.

Re-useable bags are available everywhere, but in general we are a lazy society and have to be forced to do what is right. Then it will become a habit. Plastic bags are a waste and terrible for our environment.

I am a business working single mother who does not have the time to carry around my own bags. Most of the time I

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don't plan trips to the store or restaurants to worry about where I put my bags. Also since my taxes continue to be raised I feel this is just one more thing to charge working families. Lastly, reusable bags if not carried for properly can cause illness. I strong do not and will not support this. Maybe give people a small discount if they choose to bring their bags but do not charge people for needing carry out bags!!

Anything that can be done to eliminate waste should be encouraged.

In some cases, meats or other natural food products, can leak out and contaminate other food products in the bag. In other words, some people put meats in a single use bag, like produce, to prevent juices from spreading. Therefore, I'm unsure of whether or not I'm in favor of abolishing single use plastic bags.

we have become to dependent on single use items. We need to look into other options that can be reusable.

Everyone by now has canvas bags.

Plastic bags are such a waste and used so briefly.

Environmental reasons. We must get out of our plastic habit. This includes those plastic bags in produce area of grocery store.

Plastic bags are horrible for the environment. We need to take steps to eliminate plastic in general.

There is too much garbage already.

It expensive and just as wasteful, I throw away the reusable ones and use the plastic ones for trash like everyone else does

Because plastic is bad for the planet.

I have been bringing my own bags for about 30 years.

We always reuse the plastic bags we get from grocers etc - they are not single use at all! Paper bags simply fall apart most of the year with the amount of rain we get. They are not a solution.

While we use a mixture of paper and plastic bags, there is often a need for a plastic bag. It prevents leakage of liquid materials, we used them several times (until they have holes) for things that are wet or dirty (boots and shoes), and they can be used for animal waste.

Selling cloth bags for \$1:00 or paper bags for 0.25 is an option

We need to make drastic changes to save the earth and this is a tiny, tiny step toward that

Plastic bags and other synthetics end up in landfills, the debris is choking the world's oceans, and they are completely unnecessary. Personally, I would ban a whole lot more than plastic carryout bags - I'd love to see an all-out war on non-recyclable packaging of every kind (think deli bags, blisterpac, clamshell, Styrofoam --all simply awful).

We're not going to eliminate trash bags in private residences. Will you also eliminate the bags for produce? What issue is the County or Hillsboro or the others really trying to solve? The issue of China not processing our recycling? Do you fully understand the impact to the lives your citizens lead?

I've lived in other areas with restrictions in place and it was an effective way to limit use of single-use plastics.

I'm very worried about the long-term harm that plastic bags cause. They're everywhere! Flying in bushes, on the freeway, in the oceans. People can bring their own reusable bags to supermarkets and other shopping venues.

It promotes people using reusable bags and puts less trash in the environment. I'm surprised this isn't already in place. If we care about the Earth, this is the direction we need to be headed in. Reuse.

Why? Think of it like this, you "eat" alcohol naturally with every apple or fruit that you eat. If you drink an entire bottle of pure ethanol everyday, you WILL die. Plastics are like a concentrated version of every single carbon based molecule accelerated into one nice thing to carry our stuff. The reason why we "stood up" was to free our arms to "carry" stuff. The reason why big arms are a thing is to CARRY things, babies included. Think about what defined you as human.

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Plastic is destroying the ocean.

We have too much plastic in this world and it's in our oceans and in landfills. Time to change things up!

I reuse those bags for pet waste and carrying muddy shoes from hikes. The rest I recycle. I don't see a lot of these bags on the ground or stuck in trees. Oregonians are very conscious. Most people already use reusable bags.

I always use those plastic bags for garbage bags and never just throw them out. Banning them will not reduce the need for garbage bags. If they are banned, I and others will just buy plastic garbage bags. They work for kitchen garbage, litter box garbage and bathroom garbage when paper bags would not.

Because we don't let them be single use. They are useful for other purposes in our house!

we have to start reducing our use of plastics NOW

It's time.

I've been doing it for a long time in CA and it is the best policy for our environment and for wildlife.

Reducing the amount of plastic would greatly benefit the environment. At our current rate, pollution has become a great problem for natural animal habitats and our environment as a whole. We can make a small change in our community by not using plastic bags or straws.

Support 100%!

I do like the idea of restricting single use plastic bags, they are awful to deal with after use (throwing them away is bad and recycling them is a PITA) but I do not like charging people to get paper bags at the store. It is a huge inconvenience for those times you forget your bags (or are out and realize you need something at the store) Winco and other stores give a discount for using your own bags and that is much easier to budget for budgeting for bags. The initial cost for reusables is not insignificant so going with the discount for reusables is friendlier for those on tight budgets.

Too much plastic is getting dumped into the environment. It doesn't biodegrade.

To save our planet and the bags are a nuisance as it is anyway. They tear out when loaded with groceries. They fly through the sky when the wind comes through the city. They plug our water systems. I could keep going---

I don't feel I have enough information about the effectiveness of such a policy.

Single-use containers and bags are irresponsible in this day and age.

Because it's wasteful to have them. Reuse is the way to go!!

Too much plastic waste. People should be able to use paper or bring their own bags when shopping.

Often take-out can have food that has escaped the containers and I don't want that in my car.

It will create a hardship on the retailers . In some locations which have outlawed these bags you go in to the stores and they offer no bags at all . Mine get used several times before they are disposed of .

I like the convenience of using the bags at my discretion. I also reuse at home.

Times have changed, people. We're all capable of bringing reusable bags with us to stores. Our state legislature needs to make a law to ban plastic bags state-wide. Thanks.

None of the stores I shop at: Trader Joes, CostCo, Whole Foods, New Seasons, or Natural Foods (vitamin cottage) even offer plastic bags of this sort and there is no bag fee. So I see no reason for a fee. Factor it into the cost of groceries.

I reuse all plastic bags— I would have to buy plastic garbage bags if they took them away,!

These bags are too damaging to environment and animals.

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Too much plastic is being used unnecessarily. Very easy to use paper, go without or bring your own.

I reuse them

Single use bags are overused because they're free

These bags have many more uses than one time carry out. We reuse ours constantly.

I try not to use any plastic Right now trash only

The impact in the environment is huge. Dangerous for wildlife.

I believe it is not necessary to utilize plastic bags at all.

These are non recyclable and take up space in our landfill. Most of the time they are unnecessary, too.

The single use bag is usually used in the household as a waste paper bag or cat litter receptical. They are used multiple times at no cost to the consumer.

I reuse the plastic bags for garbage bags. This rule would require that I purchase plastic bags for the garbage. Just a way to make the residents of Washington County spend more money.

I would support this because it would help with filling up the landfills with plastic bags.

Did not someone who approved the use of these plastic bags years ago have the foresight to see what extended use have for grocery stores? Leave the use of plastic bags like it is!

Plastic bags don't have to be one use only. I have many uses for plastic bags before throwing them out. I also have a large supply of reusable grocery bags.

I think it would really help our environment.

While i often reuse my plastic bags there are too many floating around out there and we all need to be better citizens of the world

Plastic bags are only used for a few minutes. They start out as fossil fuels & end up as deadly waste, polluting land & water & killing wildlife.

Plastic bags are ending up in our oceans and are unnecessary.

Plastic bags are awful for the environment!!!

Only if I could bring my own storage container to a restaurant for leftovers.

I refuse & recycle plastic bags all the time. Leave it up to the stores to supply plastic or paper or none of the above.

Too much plastic from bags and others kinds is going into our gargage..I was told you can't put them in to be recycling and they go to the landfill.

I do use the bags more than once but could do without them. I believe plastic containers for juice, laundry detergent, dairy products are far worse and so many things could be repackaged to do away with them

Not everyone can afford to pay for paper bags or reusable bags. This has the potential for putting people who are on a fixed income in a hard situation.

Plastic, while practical in limited situations, is terrible for our planet and is way overused. I avoid it when I can.

Those plastic bags are simply garbage and aren't any good after their initial purpose.

I don't see a need for retail or grocery stores to have plastic bags for customers to carry out their merchandise. Restaurants using the plastic one use bags other hand makes sense. So while I am in agreement with limited use, they should not be completely banned.

Need them for meat, frozen foods and vegetables that are wet. Don't always remember reusable bags. Paper bags don't always work .

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plastic is bad for the environment.

I agree that plastic bags can create waste, but I don't like that paper bags get privilege - they too are single use, they too cost resources to create (even if renewable), and the bags usually provided by the grocery stores rip so easily that sometimes I don't make even it home with the groceries; they are wasteful too, even if they biodegrade. I'd rather do something like the system I encountered in the Netherlands and Germany - that you get charged for any bags you are given, but still can choose what you want to take (I'd like my meat in plastic, for example). I re-use all my grocery store plastic bags, sometimes more than once. If I didn't have free bags from stores, I'd just have to buy plastic bags for trash cans, carrying wet items, dog waste, etc.. We wouldn't end up using less plastic in our house if we were forbidden to have plastic bags from grocery stores. But then I'm careful with my bags and don't lose or dump them. I use reusable bags at stores as much as I can, and I know I would be more motivated to do that if I was charged for paper or plastic bags.

To keep as much plastic waste out of our environment as we can. This includes our garbage dumps.

I strongly believe we are accumulating massive amounts of plastic in our landfills and our environment which is harmful to humans and wildlife.

I care about the ocean.

I would rather recycle or reuse plastic bags.

Because there NOT single use ! I re use them all the time & also put them in a bag & when its full I take to Fred Meyers bag recycling

We only get one planet. Let's respect what God gave us!

plastic bags utilized properly have multiple uses

We need to limit plastics

dictating behavior removes conscious driven choice

Paper is more environment friendly

Our oceans are being littered with plastic bags that cause harm to wildlife and destroys ocean habitats. I'd like to see this restriction expand to include all plastic bags including produce bags, department store bags, garbage bags, and food storage bags.

We re-use the plastic ones. Do we ever ask if these measures do ANYTHING we think they will do? Or do they only raise prices slightly because now stores must provide brown bags?

I think we need to reduce waste

Plastic bags don't biodegrade & are a huge issue. Ban them!

I would have selected a definite "yes," however, the one variable that always makes me select "no" and keep reusable bag usage at a low is that many who use reusable bags do not take proper care in the storage or cleaning of these bags. This means that the grocery clerks handling grocery items, for other customers, have been handling reusable bags that have had dogs sleeping on them, sports gear on top of them, etc. From my restaurant/food handling permit part of my past, it taught me how important food handling is to the public's health. Increasing reusable bag usage whether by principle or by motivation (with banning plastic bags) would increase the uncleanliness and contamination due to grocery clerk handling of these reusable bags. If you can mitigate or remedy this variable, then I would then be a yes vote. I keep my reusable bags clean for this very reason.

I rarely use them, but when I do I try to recycle them. They are very recyclable, but recyclers don't like to do it because the margin isn't large enough and other excuses.

My family regularly reuses all plastic bags that come into our home. I take the time to repair any tears with scotch tape and store for eventual use. Whether it's for bathroom trash can liners, kitty litter disposal, retrieving puppy poo, carrying a lunch to work or taking things to my grandchildren's home, they are a valued item that saves us from

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an unnecessary cost to replace them in our daily use. This is an overreach and it occurs to me you have MUCH BIGGER PROBLEMS than picking on unincorporated Washington County residents with this malarkey. You are wasting my tax dollars...knock it off.

We have so many options besides single use bags. We traveled to CA and HI last year, and neither provide plastic bags at the grocery store.

Single-use plastic is damaging our environment. And now we have affordable alternatives, our own bags or a small fee for a paper bag.

There are too many people who re use those bags for other things. IE bathroom trashcans, car trash bags, lunch bags, dog poo bags, etc. They are not really single use then

They create wasteful trash

Too many of us living here now, so way too many of these bags for a single use.

I reuse the bags as trash bags and puppy poop bags.

There are way too many plastic bags out there in the trash and unfortunately floating on garbage islands in the ocean. It's easy to take your own reusable bags into stores and not have all those excess plastic bags.

Although some might complain, we need our leaders to set policies counteracting the use of materials that are harmful to the planet and our health. I try always to take reusable bags or if needed opt for (hopefully recycled) paper Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this survey.

It makes ecological sense.

Other cities already have this policy in place and it works good. I support anything that helps keep our environment clean.

It's a step toward reducing the amount of garbage we generate. People will get used to it.

They are very detrimental for the environment.

It's the right thing to do. My house is already full of them. Need to be forced to bring my own

Plastic bags are very bad for the environment!!!

Too much plastic that cannot be recycled, or is not! I recycle what I can, but am thinking of asking stores to use paper cartons instead of clam shells to put bakery items in. I always take reusable cloth bags in with me, if I don't take enough, I put rest of my groceries in cart, and transfer to car.

I use plastic bags for meat products so that they don't spill out on the way home from grocery store or in the fridge.

There are other alternatives available and plastic is detrimental to to the environment, Also, there is now a problem with recycling them. We should be proactive in helping to preserve the health of our planet.

We can police ourselves. We have more important issues.

The less plastic in our environment, the better! This is just a start, but well worth the change.

I never understood how is it that plastic bags are allowed. Convenience? C'mon.

We need to use less plastic

I use reusable bags but sometimes want items in plastic bags.

It is unnecessary and would not solve any litter problems. I would much rather see consistent enforcement of existing littering laws.

cause single use plastic bags its a waste of plastic and so bad for the nature.

There is no need for single use plastic bags in this day and age. Maybe the restaurants need some help transitioning to people bringing their own. Most grocery stores have reminders about bringing your own bag.

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I'm sick of the snarky and hypocritical morals of those who have invaded my community.

Bad for the environment

plastic is killing our planet! there are many alternatives. there is no excuse for continuing to produce these awful pollutants.

We need to be more environmentally concious and tell all the harm plastics do to the environment. Reuseable bags are the responsible thing to do.

single use plastics are helping to destroy our planet

I know I need to change and this will force me too.

I use the plastic grocery bags as small garbage bags for household garbage so i don't need to buy garbage bags for the small cans.

They are harmful to animals and our earth

I don't like government imposing restrictions on businesses that are operating legally but I do also have some concerns about plastic bags after driving around the west and being out in the middle of nowhere--no towns or even any residences for miles and miles and miles and seeing plastic bags blown up against the sagebrush. I also would not want it if it is going to raise the cost of buying groceries and other necessities for survival as this would hit the poor and those on fixed incomes like my husband and I the hardest.

It's time. I applaud the communities through our country that have issued these bans.

It's about time! Most stores default to plastic without asking and are not currently incentivized to default to paper. I can't recycle the plastics bags anymore, but can more easily reuse and recycle the paper ones.

If the single use bag is not available, we will change out habits very quickly to carry the reusable bags. I am guilty of forgetting to use reusable bags, so I support 100 % banning those single use bags. It will make my wasteful and forgetful habit. We got too much plastics on earth. Please make changes as soon as possible.

I believe it would be better to develop a recycling strategy for the plastic bags along with recycling for all the plastic clamshell type containers used.

Sometimes you just have to ban something to overcome inertia/laziness. The amount of plastic that we use is appalling.

Plastic bags are terrible for the environment. It's important to limit plastic consumption and eliminating plastic bags at stores is good start.

We need to stop using plastic bags, and start using reusable bags, and this is a great way to make people bring their own bags.

Reusable bags will cut down on use of single use plastic bags which often get loose into the environment.

We have to take all necessary steps to reduce plastic pollution. It's a minor inconvenience that is fully justified.

Single-use plastic bags have no place in our lives other than temporary perceived convenience. Once the grocery is out of the bag, it's pretty useless. Or if used, it ends up in the environment, land or sea.

Plastic pollution is out of control, and wildlife is suffering, even dying as a result.

Better fort the environment, easier to recycle. Encourages people to bring their own bags.

I don't always remember to take my reusable bags with me to stores. The plastic bags are far more convenient to carry than the paper ones. We reuse the plastic ones. The plastic bags are so much cheaper for smaller retailers than paper ones. We live in a neighborhood with people that are of limited means, and they use the plastic bags almost exclusively to carry groceries home. The hype about the bags littering neighborhoods is just not true. I don't see them blowing around, or stuck in trees like some people exaggerate they are. They are cheap to produce, cheaper for smaller retailers. For larger grocery stores they also take up less space. Please stop trying to control every aspect of peoples lives by banning another item. Let us have our lousy plastic bags if we want them, and let people choose

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paper ones if they prefer. Please stop with the hysteria over plastic bags.

They are never single use in my household. I use them for many things including garbage can, and I never throw them away uselessly. I will just have to buy PLASTIC BAGS for these uses

Reusable bags are also plastic !

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People are voluntarily buying and using reusable grocery bags and limited their use of disposable plastic bags. Banning them seems heavy-handed. Perhaps more public service announcements about the potential harmful effects of the one-use bags (like ending up where they don't belong) would be a better way to go. There are some occasions where you have wet groceries or take out food, and they would dissolve and break through a paper bag. I personally reuse any plastic bags again and again until they can't be used any more. They also work well to pick up dog poop, like when you do a sweep of your backyard. There's no sense in buying - and creating the need for additional manufacturing of - plastic one-time use bags specifically for dog waste.

They are a waste of resources, un-recyclable, don't degrade and are and a clutter to the environment.

I like the ease that is provided by having the store supply these bags. I'm ok with getting rid of the plastic but not the paper. Those costs are already included in food prices.

They should still be permitted for raw meat containers, which often leak.

It simply means people have to buy their plastic bags instead or reuse grocery bags. It also causes greater expense for small stores. I get "single use bags" specifically to reuse them for garbage, holding recycling, bagging goodwill items, etc. they can also. Be more sanityfor meats and produce.

I live in Washington county and I also spend 5 months of the year in southern CA. All stores charge \$.10 a bag so you can still get them but almost no one uses them and brings their own bags. It's works just fine here.

Plastic is so bad for our environment and wildlife. It is not a necessity for us.

There's nothing good about plastic bags. Using reusable totes is easy and cheap, there's no excuse not to do it.

Plastic bags are wasteful and are polluting our planet!

Environmental reasons

I feel that humans have become to complacent and lazy. we don't need plastic bags! My Grandparent survived without them.

Plastic is killing us all slowly, we need to stop using it.

I think this amazing! Please get rid of all plastic bags! Plastic bags are so harmful to the environment and the toxic plastic.

It is wasteful to use and dispose of so many bags.

Nothing we use for a few minutes should pollute our environment for hundreds of years.

They are not really "single use" bags. We use them in our house to carry lunches, line trash cans, etc.

Because paper bags tear too easy, and reusable bags get gross after awhile. Plastic bags also help the homeless with their personal waste disposal, and trash bags for the bathrooms.

This would eliminate individual choice, and is outside of the legitimate functions of government.

I use those plastic bags for a ton of things.

It's beyond time that we started caring for our planet.....every little thing may help!

It is an infringement of my right to choose.

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It is an invasion of that's business owners rights. They should have the option to charge their customers or not. This is just more government control over our daily lives.

Anything to help improve the environment and the landfills.

They're horrible for the environment

I think it's important to help improve the environment to limit plastic waste.

Plastic does not recycle.

I think that there are way too many plastic bags out there, but I also know people who reuse them for legitimate purposes. I think I'm more in favor of charging for them rather than banning them. Also, if store baggers would put more than 2 - 3 items in a plastic bag it would help a lot. I know when I go to the grocery store and accidentally get plastic (I usually opt for paper) I often have more than twice as many bags as actually needed for the amount of groceries I'm buying.

The environment!!

They are a waste of resources and almost impossible to recycle.

reduces plastic, and promotes planning on the consumers' part

Freedom of choice. Let people and businesses choose.

It is very inconvenient for shoppers. McMinnville has this policy and if you didn't know about it you had to pay for paper bags or not use a bag at all. I personally use cotton bags that I paid for and once in a while use a plastic bag. I use these plastic bags to line waste baskets at home.

As much as I love the plastic bags because I can carry 4-5 at a time per hand... they make me feel so wasteful. I recycle my bags (Trex program) but I don't think the majority of consumers do this. I love paper bags and ask for those whenever they are an option, but it does make carrying 6 bags of groceries harder. Fine for me, but harder for people who live in apartments, or people who can't park near their door, or need to go up flights of stairs to get into their home. That's the only benefit. But I guess those people can just get their own bags!

They pollute and usually end up blowing around like litter.

To protect the environment, protect resources, protect wildlife.

It's all about minimizing use of natural resources unless necessary. Plastics for medical use is way more important than single use plastic bags.

Help with pollution.

Because I love the earth

There are so many other reasonable and 'green' options than plastic. No reason to use plastic.

I may try to have my own bags with me, but I don't always. The plastic bags are nice to have available - especially when purchasing meat or anything that might leak or sweat. Plastic bags are always used at least one more time at home too.

Unless there is a systematic solution to this issue, people will not arbitrarily choose an alternative that is less impactful to the environment

Plastic is killing our oceans and isn't being recycled. It goes into the landfills and doesn't biodegrade...ever!!

There is no need for single-use bags and they are environmentally negative

Too much big government.

Not government's business.

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because plastic is bad for the ocean and animals

Don't agree with charging for paper bags.

As part of operating costs, stores should provide bags at no charge.

Plastic is the worst thing in our environment right now. Paired with our throw away mentality- we are ruining our planet.

These single-use plastic carryout bags are non-biodegradable.

It's just another stupid attempt to get rid of something that solved a lot of problems years ago. Everyone has forgotten how it was when we only had paper bags. Reusable bags are dirty, you think everyone is going to wash them after bringing home stuff that leaks?.

It's our responsibility for the environment

Makes shopping and waste processing harder

Our planet is being overwhelmed by plastic with plastic fibers being found even in the food we eat. All this has happened in the less than 100 years since plastic was invented. We need to eliminate as much plastic use as possible.

At a restaurant, plastic bags are much preferable to a "styrofoam clam shell" As far as the paper bags are concerned; I reuse them to hold my shredded paper, before it is sealed and so marked before placing in the paper recycling bin. Ed

Not a big deal in Portland.

Less waste and use of plastic. Better for the environment.

I reuse the bags for different things

Plastic bags are not sustainable and are bad for the environment.

They can't be recycled and are harmful the wildlife and the environment.

reduce the plastic that fills the landfills and never composts

If they can't be recycled, we shouldn't use them.

We are becoming way too regulated.

Wasteful

I recycle them at the grocery store.

To help save the earth and mammals.

They are not good for the environment and are not easily recycled

The state legislature is already planning on a statewide ban.

It's cost effective and shares civic responsibility to actively participate in conserving resources.

Why should the consumer pay for bags that are currently being provided by the merchant. Just another way to pass more cost onto the consumer. Consumers who feel stronger about not using plastic bags can use their own bags if they want. Don't legislate more.

I am concerned about the cost of paper bags for our low income folks.

there is no reason we can't bring our own. This is coming from someone who never remembers her bags and almost

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always uses plastic. If they were no longer available I might remember better.

We need to keep plastic out of the landfill and oceans as much as possible.

To reduce garbage

because the ones typically used in hillsboro are, in fact, bio-degradable. Also, I use them in the yard for dog poop, and other clean up. We use them as bathroom waste basket liners. Without them we would have to use commercial liner bags with are not degradable.

They are cheap and prone to splitting and breaking. They cost retailers extra to stock 2 different kinds of bags. They're an environmental disaster. At least paper is renewable and we grow trees well in the NW. The petroleum it takes to make plastic bags, isn't renewable.

Because we are ruining the planet. It has to start somewhere, plastic is all over our oceans, sidewalks, landscape. Single use plastic is harming wildlife, etc. For those who say "it's a small issue, it won't matter" Well, little things turn in to big things.

We don't need laws telling us what to do. Retailers and customers can make those decisions without laws. Tired of people making laws to fit their idea of utopia and tax.

We need to step up and stop relying on conveniences that are destroying the earth. Not hard to bring reusable bags.

Saves the environment.

Although they are convenient, storing up and recycling plastic bags is a pain. Most people do not bother, and they contribute significantly to non biodegradable waste in our environment.

good alternatives are available

They are terrible for the environment

Because we use them for other things. They are not single use for us. Besides, we are very tired of having our choices made by someone else.

They never go away and it's just as easy to train yourself to bring reusable bags or even just limit the amount of things you're buying to where you don't need a bag.

This would be a simple change which could eliminate a great deal of (mostly single-use) plastic.

Better for the environment.

Single use plastic is bad for the environment and unnecessary - we have options!

We need to encourage folks to recycle those bags.

Plastic bags are wasteful when you can easily purchase reusable ones.

Too many loose, plastic grocery bags blowing down streets, through parks and clogging streams and rivers. Cloth bags work better, are more practical, and don't pollute after one use. Bales Thriftway on Farmington has been applying a 5 cent cloth bag credit on each purchase use for several years.

There are too many alternatives available to ignore how bad plastic is destroying our ecosystems . I believe this will help educate and reduce waste .

Convenience plastic bags aren't necessary and just help people continue to avoid bringing their own bags. A county ban would put all stores on the same level. And: the enviornment, obviously.

We need to take some inconvenient steps such as this is we are to protect our wildlife and Mother Earth. Another issue with grocery stores is the one-use plastic bags for vegetables; they should offer small paper bags. Or, better yet, customers should be encouraged to bring in reusable bags for veggies (and the stores could sell these bags at cost to customers). Restaurants should also be encouraged to ask customers if they want plastic ware with their to-go food. And one-use to-go containers (when possible) should be replaced with paper. Restaurants should give customers the option.

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I'm a yes if you don't charge for paper. Other parts of the US don't charge and stores are fine eating the cost.

I care about the environment more than convenience.

Require recycling of these bags in our biweekly bins and add food composting in yard waste by Walker Garbage before you start penalizing people and businesses in WA county. Walker Garbage is a huge roadblock to environmental progress because they won't let us recycle and compost everything that other cities and communities are allowed to. Their practices are 20 years old! Either make them do those basic things or have Recology as the waste provider for unincorporated WA county.

I don't like how the use of plastic bags can even indirectly cause harm to other people, animals, or the environment - which means it's worth changing.

I reuse the plastic bags for multiple uses, one is for used cat litter. I use my recycle bags at the stores about 80% of the time. Since this state is all about taxing us to death, I am sure our county might also find a way to limit or charge a minimum for anyone who uses only plastic bags.

What would you replace them with. The plastic totes made in China that were found to have lead in them?

It is our duty to take measures to protect the environment. Sometimes we citizens need a "push" in creating new habits; changing the culture through laws and restrictions will likely encourage most of the Washington County population to make changes.

We have gotten so used to grabbing a bag, even when we don't need it, then throwing it away. We bag each vegetable as we buy them.

Time to get serious about the environmental destruction of plastics and do something meaningful.

I have 5 children and buy LOTS of groceries. It would be inconvenient for me.

I like the environmental impact and it would have little impact on myself as i usually take reusable bags.

I personally don't use or very rarely use single use plastic bags

Because they take up less space, are easier to carry and do not disintegrate when something is leaking.

we need to promote reuse and reduce waste that harms the environment

Plastic bags so wasteful and bad for environment. If charging for paper, it should be very low cost so it won't hurt low-income folks

The single-use bags not only cause land-fill issues, but they are everywhere as trash. I would definitely support a biodegradable single-use bag. On the other hand, I currently reuse single-use plastic for used kitty litter....I can find something else.

We have got to reduce our consumption of single-use plastics across the board!!! But plastic bags in WA county would be a great start! As an alternative, I would also support charging people for plastic/paper bags to incentivize bringing re-usable bags as done in parts of Europe.

The bags can be reused

There are other options, if we take the time to be intentional about shopping and dining.

Other options are available

Environmental issues

There is no reason to have single-use plastic bags. Their entire existence has a negative impact on the environment and there is nothing positive about them. People can get over it and use a reusable bag.

It's a policy you should always respect the stores rules

I hate excess non-recyclable garbage.

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Less waste!

I do reuse the plastic bags as trash bags.

I use plastic bags for trash only and I would find something different

Paper is recyclable. Plastic bags are not.

There is too much plastic being put in landfills.

Think of all the trees that will die just to be a bag. Save our forests.

Plastic bags are horrible for the environment and people are just tossing them so they end up polluting land and water.

Ruining the environment

Most countries already have this in place. It's the least we can do to reduce solid non biodegradable waste

My plastic bags are not used only to carry my products home. They are used to line wastebaskets, to wrap meat trays or other food garbage (which go in the freezer until garbage day, so our garbage can doesn't get smelly or attract bugs or rodents), and to hold wet clothing items. When we had cats, plastic bags were used when we cleaned the litter box. If we did not get these bags "free" with our purchases, we would have to purchase plastic bags which does nothing to help the plastic problem. We are careful recyclers. We follow the rules for what can and cannot go in our recycling bin. We save our deposit bottles and cans (in plastic garbage bags that we purchase) and return them to the nearest bottle drop place.

I use reusable bags at the grocery store. Plastic bags stack up quickly and are a nuisance to recycle. Great idea!

because plastic can get into the ocean easily and harms the animals.

Inconvenience for no reason

there should no longer be any plastic bags period

I rely on these plastic bags for lining small garbage cans, cleaning the litterbox, thawing meat, wrapping anything that's leaking, and other uses. What on Earth is wrong with vendors providing them as lagniappes? Forcing me to purchase small plastic bags separately is of no use to anyone.

Even though I dislike plastic bags, at times like with soup or messy liquids, they sometimes seem like a necessary evil.

There is absolutely no place to get rid of them. The bins at the stores that take them are overflowing.

I personally reuse the bags for my cats litter waste and garbage bags so I don't have to 'buy' plastic bags. If I had no use for them I would do the right thing and use reusable bags when grocery shopping.

To encourage less use of plastics

Single use plastic of any kind is harmful to the earth from manufacturing to disposal. We have the power to change this and that power starts with me!

Depends on the specifics of the policy.

I don't think it's as big a problem as it's made out to be.

Too many bags are discarded- not recycled

Not necessary and time for us to reduce our use of plastic bags. Not good for our environment and not in keeping with out Oregon values.

Plastic is affecting our wildlife in terrible ways. Birds choke in them and plastic gets into our food and water.

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The purpose of these bags are to help carry out your purchase items, restaurant food, others, and prevent contamination from the environment. The cost of the plastic or paper bag is already included in the overhead expenses of the business and included in the item cost/price paid at check out. these bags can be re-used to collect garbage and to carry other items so it is not just "one time use". Boxes provided by Costco can be re-used several times.

Too much plastic is used. See OPB's New 2-21 (Repeats Sunday 2-24) Field Guide about the Ocean & Rivers of Oregon contaminated by it!

Human beings are generally lazy creatures. Will take some relearning but it's really not hard to have reusable grocery bags.

They can be, and generally are, disposed of properly in this country.

They can be recycled. Much more focus needs to be made on recycling

Other countries use reusable bags to reduce waste, we can too.

We need to be responsible for our impact on the environment. I am a parent and a teacher and these issues are of great concern. Many other states have passed similar laws and have had positive results.

I would support the use of paper bags. Not the plastic ones though.

We have inundated our world with plastics. We need to stop and work to clear our world of these toxic materials

Would prefer people to use paper or reusable.

I would not mind the plastic bags as much if more people recycled them, but I am guessing that many throw them in the garbage, contributing to landfills unnecessarily.

Because they are useful in the home at times

We are careful to recycle our plastic bags at Winco, or we take them to our Church's food pantry to be re-used by clients when they take food home.

The reusable bags are inexpensive. I wish the county would offer a discount or something on them to encourage their use.

I bring my own bags to the store and we need to reduce our plastic waste.

Plastic is too much waste!

Plastic bags need to be eliminated for this use. But I would want paper bags to be offered as an option instead. I can afford reusable bags, and I would not want this to be a hardship on neighbors who might not have money to spend on reusable bags. Paper is easily recycled or could be reused as well in multiple ways.

Restrictions and or fees for bags are only way to control this toxic and perpetual trash.

animals in the ocean play a huge role in the food chain. For example, if all of the Animals in the ocean were to die out then there wouldn't be nearly as much food for us. According to the US EPA, "in 1975, the National Academy of Sciences estimated that 14 billion pounds of garbage was being dumped into the ocean every year." All of that trash harms all of the animals and organisms in the sea. We sometimes eat the animals from the ocean and they are covered in trash and garbage.

they are terrible for environment

They are a litter problem and can no longer be recycled. Plastic is a scourge.

Banning plastic bags is a necessary step in decreasing the amount of plastic in our environment, especially the volume produced by single use plastic. Any steps we can take to decrease the damage and negative effects of plastic on ocean life should be taken.

I don't agree with charging for bags and sometimes you just forget your reusable bags.

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Concerned about additional costs to low income shoppers; prefer not to charge them for bags. Takes a lot of organization to start remembering to bring your bags, and especially for those who do not have easy access to transportation. (I have been using reusable bags for over 10 years, but it took me fully 2 years to consistently remember and eventually stock my car with a sufficient supply). For restaurants, what else are they supposed to use; you can't carry out a bunch of separate hot items.

Though I don't remember to bring my own bags this policy will keep people like me up to date. We need to start acting responsibly.

They are not necessary.

because one use plastics are a waste of resources. please include a ban on bags such as those found in the produce and bulk food departments of grocery stores. while you're at it, consider a deposit on more throw-away containers.

Many people use the bags more than once. Reusable bags are unsanitary They have more germs than regular bags. You can't wash them and they fall apart. I used a reusable bag once, got it home and there was a hole in it. Reusable bags are not cost effective.

Plastic bags though recyclable, are a large part of our landfills and our litter. They are a danger to wildlife and sealife. Paper, though more expensive to product are biodegradable.

Single use bags are harmful to the environment. I would rather see compostable/biodegrade bags rather than single use plastic bags. As a consumer, I am willing to pay more so companies can offer compostable/biodegrade bags

Because I am so tired of Washington County attacking unincorporated Washington County. We have no government representation. We are always attacked by Washington County because we aren't inside a city limit.

We reuse the bags. For cat litter. Baby diapers. Garbage liners. So we use them. It also would be an inconvenient to have to always have a ton of reusable bags on hand and also especially when buying chemical products I dont wanna use a nice reusable bag and contaminate it

It just kills me when I see people wheel out of the store with a cart full of groceries all in plastic bags. Makes me want to go to them and offer some of my bags. BAN PLASTIC BAGS!

Needless waste and pollution. Reusable bags and paper are more than adequate.

Si, porque quiero colaborar cuando el medio ambiente .

plastic bags work much better than paper ones

GOOD FOR ENVIRONMENT

The government should not be making these kinds of decisions for people. This is virtue signalling by the politicians involved, and it is trendy, but it will negatively impact a lot of people.

Reusable are better for the environment and safer for animals and a lot end up In landfills and waterways.

I know it's the right thing to do. I already try to bring my own bags. Sometimes I forget, but I'd be fine paying for paper bags if I don't bring my own.

Although I suppose reducing single use plastic in all forms, sometimes you need a plastic bag.

I think this single use bag restriction should only be applicable to grocery stores and store that sell grocery items such as Target, Walmart and similar. But not at restaurants or convenience stores.

I understand that plastic bags are difficult to recycle. I am willing to use paper or bring my own bags.

Too much information and I don't have a clue. Things have a triangle recycle number but not everything Recycle. Things like shampoo bottles empty ones and cleaning supplies when I used up all my soft soap can I recycle that . If we go out now we have to throw out the advice I was given.

Plastic bags are horrible for the environment from start to finish.

It's happening everywhere and it's the right thing to do. Most already have reusable bags in the car.

Less garbage

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UV degradable plastic bag are not environmentally harmful. There are not many other options for a bag that can contain a liquid spill.

Because I think every little bit helps the enviroment

I reuse plastic bags

People need to realize what an impact that plastic in all forms is having on our environment. Let's do what's best for our environment. Not what's easiest or cheapest. Let's be responsible and smart.

They are terrible for the environment.

I believe it is much more environmentally appropriate. Plastic bags are now all over the roads, parks, and sidewalks. Portland has restricted them and it seems to be working.

Removing plastic bags from the waste stream is a start. I would like to see it extended to all single use plastic items such as straws, clam shells, and deli tubs.

They are bad for animals, birds and the environment.

It would have more impact to have Tigard join the efforts of Washington County and Beaverton in this initiative.

Environmental concerns

Because sometimes they are best and we always refuse the bags we acquire.

Because climate change is happening and we need to do all we can... this is a simple easy change that we should not be afraid to make.

Not entirely because sometimes things you purchase are wet with water like vegetables, fish, meat, and chicken. Also, you may need to protect something from the rain if the weather is stormy . I reuse all of my plastic and paper bags numerous times until I cannot use them again.

Because we believe government does not have all the facts. I frequently request paper bags but I don't want to be charged for them. I have tried to use the reusable bags but once they get into the house they may or may not come back out. They also need washing and that is a major hassle as most don't go into the washing machine.

Reusable bags are unsanitary, they carry salmonella and other bacteria. Banning single use bags is bad for the environment. More energy is used to create and clean the reusable bags. Single use bags are made out of what would otherwise be a waste product from gasoline. Reusable bags are inconvenient. The closest grocery store to my house is 10miles away. If I forget the bags I have to drive 20miles before I can get my groceries. If I leave the bags in the car they get dirtier. Furthermore, this is just another encroachment on my freedom to make my own choices by the nanny state for no benefit to anyone.

Paper bags are just as effective as plastic and offer the benefit of being easily recycled. Both paper and plastic are reusable.

I have been taking me own bag for years, it makes me cringe to see all this plastic go out of the store.

It's annoying to have to bring your bags

Businesses and their customers should be allowed to decide this kind of thing for themselves. Also, this would have no appreciable effect on the main reason generally cited for this ban, plastic in the oceans, since almost all of that plastic originates outside the US.

Plastic is destroying our planet. We should be reducing its use as much as possible.

We should absolutely restrict the use of plastic bags and single use straws. I feel adamantly about it. Only if people are faced with paying for paper bags will everyone get in the habit of bringing their own. I understand from what I've read we're swimming in our own garbage and killing wildlife along the way -- for no reason. Cloth carry bags are cheap and readily available. It's just a habit we need to form.

Recycling is important

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I RE USE THEM OVER TO LINE MY HOUSEHOLD WASTE BASKETS. THAT IS AT LEAST 2 USES FOR EACH BAG.

These bags just end up adding up and there aren't enough places to recycle them and no one seems to reuse them in stores. Also they recycle them into furniture - using reusable bags is a much better answer for everyone involved.

To reduce roadside litter and help the earth/environment

The production and disposal of plastic single use bags has done incredible harm to our earth. Paper and reusable bags serve the same purpose but with less environmental impact.

It's probably a significant change that people will easily get used to.

Those plastic bags end up being added to the landfill and they are not earth friendly.

Plastic grocery bags are the only plastic that is actually biodegradable. we could save the environment much more by focusing on larger conservation projects.

Those bags are wasteful, not currently recyclable, and all too likely to wind up in our waterways.

They are a blight on the land.

Plastic bags are bad for the environment and unnecessary.

How would this effect the use of 2nd use of plactic bags at non-profit thrift stores?

We need to help save our environment. This is one small thing we can all do as a community!

Tired of seeing them hanging in trees and flying around the roads after escaping from the garbage trucks. Not to mention picking up countless discarded bags on the beach. Thank you.

Reduce amount of garbage.

I reuse my plastic bags. I use them for my small trashcan at home and putting dirty diapers in them on the go. some areas don't provide you with trash cans to put dirty diapers so I put them in a bag and tie them until I find a trash bin. I also try to encourage others to use them for dog poop.

It is destroying our environment seeing these bags in the garbage and ending up in the ocean. They are never able to decompose and they will stay around for many years, which is offal for our world.

They contribute to environmental problems and are not sustainable.

Plastic bags are wildly toxic to our environment.

They are non biodegradable.

Not practical to have own bag at a restaurant, especially if bringing home leftovers from a meal eaten at the restaurant. Also very difficult for restaurants to organize to-go orders. We are already paying for the cost of the paper bags - built into prices.

Huge wasteful problem

We are consuming way too much plastic. Plastics are a huge environmental problem. Reuse. Reduce. Recycle. It would be great if businesses would do more.

I like the idea of the plastic bag ban. But I am against the fee for paper bags.

Plastic use has got to be stopped. Environmental reasons!!!

Plastic bags are terrible for the environment. When they get thrown away they stay in the landfill and with our world being the state it's in, we really can't afford to not switch to a biodegradable substitute.

Personal decision. Government mandate is overstepping. What's next?

Have you seen the pics of what it's doing to wildlife and the planet. They are wasteful. If people can learn to wear seatbelts they can learn to have reusable bags in their purse, backpack or car.

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Plastic bags are irresponsible and destructive to wildlife and the environment. We have already switched to reusable personal bags for shopping. Continuing to allow use of plastic supports lazy and/or irresponsible consumer behavior. Restricting use by stores and restaurants is a proven, successful social strategy to alter this behavior. We further support restricting non recyclable clamshell containers, for the same reasons.

The plastic bags are a mess that pollutes our lands and waterways. Get rid of them.

Paper is recyclable and renewable. We're killing ourselves as we pollute the ocean.

In favor for grocery stores, but not stores like Target or Michael's that need larger size bags to accommodate purchases.

Why do we need the government to regulate every single aspect of our lives. Do more education, so people understand why they should choose to not use them, but it feels like the government thinks we are all idiots and can't make any decisions for ourselves.

I reuse them as trash bags.

I hate plastic bags! So bad for the environment and they end up as litter all the time. Time to move on!

no place to recycle them. Too much plastic in landfill.

Takes 1,000 years to disintegrate. We all have our own bags for the most part anyway. Save the environment and the animals that get hurt by these.

Because we need to save the whales and plastic is killing them. Oh and also turtles and other fish.

I use them namely for trash, but also use them for other stuff.

I like the idea of it, but I just can't imagine how difficult it may be for struggling families to find a good product to use instead and worry about trying to juggle kids if you forgot your bags and now don't have the option of plastic. I tend to prefer incentives for better choices rather than punishments/restrictions

I use the plastic bags for trash etc in my home.

We need to reduce our reliance on single use plastics.

Single use plastic bags have become a scourge! They're rarely recycled and often end up in the waterways. From there, they end up downstream and into the ocean where they're confused as food by sea turtles. They become trash on the roadways, in trees, and in the urban landscape.

It would raise the cost of goods because stores would have to pay more for carry-out bags even if there is a "small fee" for a paper bag. Many, if not most, of the plastic bags returned to the stores for recycling are bought or picked up by companies that recycle them into useful products, such as TimberTech decking boards. Why does Washington County think that it has to be our Nanny? Many people now use their own reuseable grocery bags. Why not require them to use reuseable bags and save some trees?

There is no reason for these bags. They use many resources to make and do not recycle.

Plastic is one of the worst materials sitting in landfills because it takes up to 1,000 years to decompose and releases toxins as it does so. Single use plastic bags often end up in the ocean where they are causing harm to our environment, sea life, and ultimately humans. Nothing we use for a few minutes out of convenience should be allowed to do this.

I save every single one of those bags and reuse as garbage bags. I'd just have to buy more garbage bags and use them only once and throw away.

Environmental friendly.

They are stronger and easier to carry than paper bags! The baggers at stores fill the paper bags too full which makes them heavy to handle. Restaurants need some type of bag for take-outs and leftovers!?

Yes. It is a step in the right direction.

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They're horrible for the environment. People can get used to bringing their own or using paper. No one will die and children won't know any different when they get older.

We can't recycle these things so they clog landfills, get in the water supply and we could use the resources used for making these wasteful things for sustainable items, i.e. biodegradable take-out containers, etc.

have no interest in being charged a fee to use bags at grocery store. that's just part of their cost of doing business. in addition plastic bags are MUCH easier to carry. if there is a solution (that doesn't cost any more) then i would be open to that

They should not be available in grocery stores or other stores. Restaurants may be a different story, since the food can leak all over. Plastic bags are killing the ocean. I moved back from Maui last year and the plastic bag ban there works very well, and people get used to it.

Government overreach

Safer for environment, less wasteful, doesn't fill up landfills.

They are terrible for the environment

Save the earth! Plastic is terrible for our environment...

Plastic bags are unnecessary and harmful.

Plastics are bad for the environment and especially the oceans.

I hate all those plastic bags.

It's wasteful. Puts the onus on the consumer to bring proper bags/containers.

I actually reuse them in all of my small wastebaskets for garbage collection

Too much waste in America! Especially plastics.

Create too much litter.

Once upon a time before the one use plastic bags, paper was supplied. I always recycle the plastic bags along with the paper bags, but I will not be pleased with paying extra for the paper bags.

Because we use the plastic bags at home many different ways so not having them will create a hardship. Also 2 of our 3 families are on disability & limited income so the extra fee will hurt even more!

I use the bags for all kinds of things that would otherwise make a mess in my trashcan. Also they are much more sanitary than the reusable ones. What about the bags to put my produce in?

To reduce plastic use for good of environment and I have no problem doing this and using reusable bags

Plastic is a big concern for the environment, and a nuisance when you see the bags floating around, caught in fences/trees, etc.

Single use plastics are soooooo wasteful. They are harmful to our planet and fellow creatures.

Plastic is bad for the environment and we do not need to add to the Island of plastic floating in the Pacific Ocean

It is unnecessary and wasteful.

I do not want to carry reusable bags in my car in the store in the house back to the car

Pastic bags aren't the problem, throwing them out (or on the ground) is the problem. Perhaps you should consider a deposit program at the stores instead of forcing everyone to carry reusable bags.

Because the plastic bags are bad for the environment

I always need a bag to carry things. Bags should always be offered at all stores, restaurants. I'm not opposed to stores re-using bags. Restaurants and grocery stores should be required to offer new, sanitary bags.

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we use the grocery plastic bags at home for multiple purposes

We have a plastic problem

I would support a ban because plastic is not environmentally safe for our fish, birds, & other wildlife. Plastic is not biodegradable.

I have mixed feelings about being charged for a paper bag. I would be more likely to support it if there was not a change for paper bags.

It's just the right thing to do and paper works... also it's easy to take your own bags.

All disposable plastics are a HUGE mistake, creating non-recyclable waste that continues to accumulate. Bad, bad, bad, bad. Ban it all I say - tomorrow!

There's way too much plastic in the world already. We have to change our habits!

They are a handy resource, and I reuse or recycle them when I do get them. We don't need more government regulation.

We need to reduce our waste.

They should be banned everywhere, they are not sustainable and are breaking down in our water supply.

Restricting plastic bags is fine. Charging for paper bags, which is already covered in the cost of the food,, etc. is not. I routinely reuse paper shopping bags. If I accumulate too many, I donate them to various food banks, which re-use them.

Bags ended in garbage.

Grocery Stores Yes, Restaurants - NO

This plastic ends pollutes our environment no matter where it ends up.

single use plastic is a societal plague. There is no reliable way to recycle most of it and it is a nuisance.

I'd be forced to train myself to always take my bags and my own carry out containers. I have this stuff but don't remember to take it in with me but am teachable and will learn . So I am for less plastic.

plastic has proven harmful to our ocean inhabitants. ridiculous to keep manufacturing and dispensing these one time use items!

These bags are unnecessary, not recyclable through general recycling programs, and clog up recycling center machinery.

Way too much plastic in the environment. We all need to do our part to make improvements.

They are actually reusable for many purposes. Restricting them will solve nothing and force people to buy more trash bags.

Plastic as a whole is a huge environmental problem and this is a good place to start.

They are horrible for the environment and wildlife.

Why should we have to pay extra to use a paper bag? The retailer should absorb the cost. That should be their contribution to the environment.

Stewardship.

Legislating every single aspect of our lives, and jumping on the horrible bandwagon that is Multnomah County, is getting very old. Leave Washington County as it is.

We reuse plastic bags for our garbage and eliminates our need to purchase plastic trash bags. Garbage collectors require garbage to be "contained".

We need to BAN All single use plastics if we want a clean ocean.

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There are better alternatives, and the cost is minimal. I'm willing to pay for paper bags if a store charges for them. Plastic bags are contributing to the plastic waste problem because they don't break down for hundreds of years, and kill wildlife. We need plastics, but when other alternatives are available, we should use them.

Their just a waste and I use more of them. Seem that paper holds more..

We are becoming very lazy. We ALL should be using reusable bags. I am very concerned for our environment and where these overly used bags are going!

I use the plastic bags when I remove ashes from my wood insert stove. I also recycle the bags that I put my garbage into instead of buying garbage bags. I also use them to pickup dog and cat poop. I don't have any animals but I still have cats using my yard as a giant litter box. Why do I have to purchase plastic r bags for my garbage when the grocery stores furnish me with a free garbage bag? If I get too many plastic bags from the retail store I return them to the grocery store that is still recycling them, like Fred Meyer's. Why do you want to stop recycling plastic bags? Aren't the manufacturers still remaking these bags back into plastic benches and other forms of reusable items?

Senior citizens and those on fixed incomes use these bags for trash, for kitty litter and for doggie walks so we don't have the expense of purchasing garbage bags. Senior citizens are harmed by these restrictions and are not the ones who are throwing the bags into our streams and littering with them.

There is a severe environmental impact of casual plastic use.

In the produce sections of grocery stores at times you need plastic bags to Protect produce.

Because it is best for the environment and our future!

By design, these "single-use" items have a very limited lifespan. People are expected to simply throw them in the trash after that one use. Whether those items actually make it into -- and then STAY in -- the managed waste stream is not a sure thing. Far too much waste in the name of convenience!

No need to have more plastic bags festooning wire fences, gutters, overhead lines and trees.

Reduce waste

What about all the bags that are already out there? Can we recycle them at the places that won't have them any more?

I believe people should have the choice to use plastic bags if they wish. We reuse them for many different things in our home. We are strongly against a ban on plastic bags. As a compromise we would consider supporting paying for plastic bags instead of paying for paper bags. Thank you.

Convinced it's better for our future

We must take all necessary steps to stem the tide of plastic pollution that is poisoning our oceans.

No need except for trash

Environment

I've lived in a county that restricted plastic bag use and I thought it worked very well

It is an environmental waste & litter problem to give out plastic bags. Seattle did this years ago! Oregon has always been a head of the class when it comes to recycling. Now our state is lagging behind. Please, please adopt this ordinance and quit giving out plastic bags.

Really, consumers should be more accountable for their actions. I guess a bag ban is a first step.

Limiting use of plastic bags is a sound, concept that would promote a sustainable future by reducing waste and protecting certain sea life that plastic bags are currently destroying. Paper, reusables and biodegradable are within reach and a good alternative.

Because they're excessive

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I don't support liberal agenda

Plastic bags are very useful to me. I reuse them more than any other plastic packaging. I use them for everything. If I didn't get them at stores, I would have to buy them.

Reduce plastic waste

Save the planet! Yay!!

I this is inconvenient for customers and owners. There is proof that paper bags are no more environmentally friendly. And there is no need for one more law. This is a free country, if people don't want to use the plastic bag they don't have to. I reuse my plastic bags so they aren't 'one use ' in my house.

There is too much plastic in our world and no way to get rid of it. It is polluting our oceans and landscapes. Why would you NOT want to eliminate single-use plastic?

They're bad for the environment. Humans need to change their habits.

I expect government to do such things as building and maintaining the road system, and providing police and fire protection. Beyond that government should stay out of the lives of citizens and allow the marketplace to function on its own.

We have NO effective way to recycle these bags. We need to do what we can to reduce waste. This has worked in many other communities. We need to stop "winning" and take positive steps that actually make a difference

Reduce waste.

I think there are better alternatives to plastic bags.

I'm very much in favor of the restrictions on plastic bags, because even for the well-intentioned, they're almost impossible to recycle so many of them end up in the environment. Organisms have evolved to deal with natural substances like the wood fibers from paper bags, but plastic bags are basically indigestible. The problem is to make the switch to paper relatively palatable to citizens. Maybe we could subsidize bags that say "I'm an Environmental Hero" or something. In other words start out by offering the paper bags as an alternative, with some gentle peer shaming around plastic, combined with some positive reinforcement for people who voluntarily switch to paper. And, then, after a transition phase, Pull the Plug on Plastic.

I would like to be more conscious of my bag usage

Plastic and paper bags are reusable and recyclable. Both can be repurposed in several ways - eg paper bags hold scrap and loose paper for curbside recycle bins. A PR campaign would make a big difference at a fraction of the cost of a new law requiring administrative and enforcement resources.

I think it is extremely important to reduce the use of plastic. Everybody should get used to use reusable bags for groceries, restaurants and produce.

They are wasteful and are everywhere!

don't need yet another govt intervention. charging for bottles, bottle machines is time and money waste too. we all recycle already, as much as recyclers will take. support added recycling capacity, for bags too, not more dumb ordinances.

They are not necessary and do a lot of harm.

There is a plastic crisis on this planet on land and in the oceans.

It is extremely wasteful to use these. I even forget to bring in my recyclable bags but I also don't want to be charged for paper bags and this would remind me to bring my own.

Without deterrent change will not happen. And volunteering doesn't address the extent of the problem. Seat belts were really hard in the beginning, but it's just habit now.

I would support restrictions on plastic bags and clam shell packaging due to the fact that the USA has no recycling program in place.

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No need

Decreases the environmental impact of producing and eliminating the bags, not to mention the litter on the streets.

Plastic pollution

I always use my own bags. Plastic bags are horrible for the environment.

We reuse plastic bags for trash.

No because it will cost us the consumer more and I reuse them for lots of other things.

Oregon needs to act and not just pretend to be such a green state. We should be active in addressing the overuse of plastics and should have banned single use plastic years ago!

Absolutely, there is no reason to provide these items anymore. Please reduce plastic use and waste.

I use the bags from grocery stores to line my small garbage cans -- they are used to cover my plants in winter - they are used to carry my donations to Goodwill and Salvation Army. I would miss not always having something around that I have depended on for years. I am 80 and the bags I do not re-use I recycle at Walmart.

We reuse these bags. We would otherwise purchase disposable items to use such as garbage bags, totes or lunch bags. Disposable for lactic bags are also favored to transport groceries and other items by lower income people on the bus or walking.

I reuse every bag I get until it has holes and is no longer useful, then I recycle it. If I didn't have these I would buy plastic bags to use in my waste baskets. I try to recycle, compost, etc. and need just one small checkout plastic bag for one weeks trash. I have a large veggie garden and reuse the produce bags to share produce with friends and neighbors.

We need to stop the plastic insanity!

It is good for the environment!

It is the absolute right thing to do for the environment. Plastic bags harm wildlife, natural areas, and recycling machines. We should have had a ban a long time ago. I am disappointed that the City of Beaverton didn't step up their game a few years ago when Sunset High School students were advocating for a ban.

Some bags are not really needed. The majority of bags end up in the streets

I would just so this does not include produce bags. I have to use them because I've seen people put their dogs in the carts where my food goes! Ugh!!

Plastic bags in general create a lot of unnecessary plastic waste.

Plastic bags are a blight on our environment. They're everywhere, in trees, in the dirt, in waterways. They aren't being recycled efficiently; there are mounds and mountains of them at recycling plants. I grew up without plastic bags. We used cardboard boxes and paper bags. No reason why we can't go back.

Anything we can do to save the environment is positive!

We need to mandate taking care of our precious and very threatened environment !

Too much waste generated through single use plastic bags and they are difficult if not impossible to recycle properly. Even stores that say they take them have the bins stuffed to overflowing and you have to remember to bring them in with you anyways.

Time to step up and bite the bullet to develop new habits that will help clean up the planet. I'm already anticipating that this will be adopted and starting now to change my behavior. Not easy, I forget to use the bags but I'm getting better at it.

ye need to do this to save the world

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So easy to bring your own reusable bag. What a difference it would make if everyone did this.

We reuse the plastic bags in many different ways. Don't want to be charged for paper bags. Plastic is better in some cases like food to go, ice, dog poop, etc..

Plastic bags are so wasteful and terrible for the environment. I really hope this ban happens!

I always use paper or reusable bags. We should try to reduce our use of plastic whenever possible.

Reducing waste is so critical, and people need a reason to switch to reusable bags.

I have reusable bags but I always forget them in my car or at home. If they limit or charge for the plastic ones I will be more apt to remember them.

I have never seen a single use bag. In our home, they're used as trash bag liners, for collecting poop, emptying the contents of the vacuum cleaner's bin, car trash bags, and much more. When I travel to a place that does not have "single-use" bags, I wind up buying less. I guess that's good for my wallet, but bad for the local economy.

I re-use them or recycle them. I ban is just a feel good initiative for some people.

I do prefer plastic bags for meat purchases, but do try to bring reusable bags for many of my purchases. Consider charging for 2nd bag or more.

Plastic bags are a good start, but ALL single-use plastic items should be banned.

Because bringing you own bags is a nuisance and easily forgotten.

because we don't need any more plastic filling up the landfill.

The amount of waste produced from these bags is astronomical. They also aren't reused and kften not even thrown into receptacles

I think plastic are a waste.

This survey fails to state the motivation or positive impact of eliminating single-use plastic bags from retail use.

We should do our part to reduce global pollution, especially since now our ability to recycle these bags has been reduced/eliminated. We can all do without for the common good.

Making and "recycling" plastic bags causes so much pollution. Discontinuing plastic bag use is a simple way to help Hillsboro move towards being a green city.

These bags are a part of our pollution problem and disproportionately impact wildlife.

Fees will encourage more people to reuse bags.

For Mother Earth.

I reuse the bags for dog poop (in the past) or as small trash bags. I would have to buy more bags at store. Outlaw such bags for anyone born after 1980!

Because plastic is a major environmental problem. How about single use plastic containers as well?

Because you see them flying all over the roads. Most of the time they are totally unnecessary.

Danger to environment, never degrade

Because plastic pollution killing seabirds, sea mammals and the sea.

Environmental impact

Plastic bags are hard to recycle and frequently end up as litter. I'm okay with paper bags, though, and don't think businesses should be required to charge money for them.

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I used to live in a city which was ravaged by floods, directly caused by single-use plastic bags clogging the city drains. I have first hand experience of the environmental destruction that it can directly cause. I see this as the least efficient way of carrying things.

For me and others they are not single use. We use them for trash can liners and I have frequent nosebleeds and use several in a week. Stores will just cover the cost of paper bags by passing it along to their customers. Thank you
Limits the choices for carrying items from the store. Most stores will bag in non plastic containers. Some even ask your preference.

Because I care about the WORLD! (;

I like plastic bags

I think plastic bags are convenient & useful as well as economic to the companies.

Right thing to do for the environment

There's too much plastic on this Earth and there are plenty of suitable, easy alternatives to the plastic bag.

We only have one earth! Making the switch to reusable bags is a little easier when you have to consistently take them with you.

We need to force ourselves to do the right thing. This kind of redline is good.

The majority of plastic grocery bags end up being reused as small trash can liners. Taking away these bags will just force people to buy their trash can liners, resulting in the same amount of plastic going to landfill. But Glad and Hefty will be happier and richer

There is too much plastic in the world. It does not decompose like paper does. I fully support a ban on plastic in all of the county, not just in unincorporated areas.

Plastics never go away. We need to reduce our use of plastics. There are plenty of alternatives for consumers to use for shopping / grocery bags (reusable or paper).

Too much plastic in the environment. This is an easy way to help.

I would be in favor of totally eliminating single-use plastic bags for environmental concerns. They present a huge pollution problem. I have been waiting for this type of action for a long time.

We need to get used to the idea that resources are not infinite. This is one of a thousand things that we need to do.

Forest Grove has already done this, as have some individual stores like Whole Foods. It would be great if there was a roll-out like the City of Forest Grove had with a reusable shopping bag and flyer left on everyone's doorstep to get people to start using reusable bags.

I'm old enough to remember when the world was going to come to an end unless we banned paper bags. We had to save the trees! So we invented plastic bags -even biodegradable plastic bags (after much cost to the environment and the paper industry). Now paper is back in vogue -or better yet cloth must be the new mantra! Until the enviro-wackos find out that to produce a cloth bag somehow creates more "pollution" and environmental harm than paper or plastic, OH NO! The enviro-wacko Left are never satisfied with how much they just have to CONTROL peoples' lives. They always want more control. They never think through the true, longterm impact of their socialist policies that kill, harm and destroy more than help. How many birds and other wildlife have they destroyed with their windmills and solar farms than oil ever will? Free enterprise and capitalism -given the opportunity will always solve the problem. Forced legislation always stifles invention and competition, and causes more problems than they solve. Give people choices -paper, plastic, cloth, boxes, whatever. They will make wiser, better choices than Socialists Elites that smugly and ignorantly think they always know what is best for everyone else.

Plastic bags are unnecessary and easily replaced by reusable bags. Plastic bags often end up as litter on our streets, waterways and finally in our oceans.

Because single use bags are harmful to the environment and to sea life, particularly, and give a moment of convenience and then never ever ever go away.

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Those bags get used for other things and are rarely thrown away as trash by many people. Would you like to let me know when I can flush my toilets, do my laundry, feed my dogs too. Why not, you're trying to regulate everything else. Try regulating the bicycles using the 55 mph roads without bike lanes. They are a hazard and a nuisance to farmers getting from field to field and people just trying to get anywhere!! Plastic bags are not the problem in unincorporated Wash County.

I reuse the plastic bags from grocery store and use them as liners in my garbage cans.

Plastic bags are a danger to wildlife and trash on the roadsides.

I see too many plastic bags discarded along the road and in waterways.

It's time Washington county makes a stand on protecting our environment

I have been waging an all out personal war against single use plastic since China stopped taking US recycling. Any help on the part of the local government would be great.

better for environment

We use those bags as garbage can liners, if the bag has a hole and ineffective as a liner they are recycled. One thing about take out food is that item sometimes leaks in the bag like a burrito, technically soiled paper bags are not recyclable and are therefore garbage. Since landfills don't get enough water the paper bag really never breaks down. The only way I would consider a ban on one time use plastic bags is if the city or county were spending money to combat litter, etc and the bags were a financial burden on the municipalities. I consider myself a huge proponent of reducing, reusing, and recycling. I am also a fan of less government involvement, I would say let the free market determine if they want to use them. I like living in Washington county because we are not like Multnomah county.

The damage to the environment both due to the build up of plastic in our oceans and the littering of bags all over out county plus the fossil fuels used to make the bags in the first place is simply not worth the bit of convenience provided by plastic bags. But we must have at least a 10 cent cost (hopefully more) added for each paper bag as the damage to the environment from shipping paper bags is also very damaging to the environment.

To reduce plastic waste

Need to limit one use plastics.

Because they are not single use. I reuse them for trash bags at home avoiding the purchase of additional plastic bags.

Mother nature, yo!

Inconvenient

These bags are terrible for the environment. Just this weekend we saw 3 of them hanging high in a tree!

We reuse the plastic bags for multiple uses

everyone gives away reusable bags now so no reason for the public to bring their own to the store

unless they are all biodegradable, I think we need to make this difficult change...

Plastic bags are getting harder to recycle (issues with China) and most consumers use reusable bags anyway.

Plastic bags are an environmental hazard and cannot be recycled. Instead they end up in landfills or in the oceans where they do incredible harm to wildlife.

Plastic bags are bad for the environment.

I want to help reduce the amount of plastic that is used and thrown away.

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County should not interfere in legal commerce

No reason to stop it just gives stores a chance to charge more money. We reuse our plastic bags. People just need dispose of them properly!!

It's time to rethink our consumption and waste policies. There are too many people. We need to reduce both.

They are ruining our environment and our on the sides of our roads.

It is important to start eliminating plastics from our environment. Most recycling centers and stores have stopped accepting plastic bags for recycling.

Unwarranted intrusion by government into private transactions. Government is force. Try persuasion instead.

Such an easy fix; more shoppers will start remembering their woven bags if plastic is not available.

Would rather educate people and encourage them with free bags before taking them away. Who will save money here from not having to purchase bags and give them away free? Stores? Perhaps they could help encourage folks to change their habits.

They are convenient but unnecessary. Most of the time I use reusable bags - If I forgot the reusable bags, would not mind paying for paper bags.

Completely unnecessary and folks will get used to it.

We have limited resources in this world. We should be doing as much as we can to best use these resources. Manufacturing bags to be thrown away is just silly.

Most plastic bags already get reused after their initial use, and are less ecologically damaging to produce than paper bags. I'd rather see Washington County get back on track with hard plastics recycling instead.

Our community goes through millions of plastic bags each year with most ending up in landfills or improperly commingled with other recyclables causing recycling equipment malfunctions. Plastic bags are a waste of money and pollute our environment.

They are wasteful and at times I feel like I'm swimming in plastic bags!

Plastic bags are not easily recycled.

This is an important issue for me and is a long time coming. Personally, I consistently use my own cloth bags and produce bags made out of netting when I go shopping, both for food and dry goods. It drives me crazy to see folks carry out arm loads of plastic bags and figure that many of them are being thrown away and not being reused/taken back to the store.

Plastic bags are hazardous to wildlife.

Too much plastic

The amount of plastic in the ocean is reason enough. There are many other simple options that will just take a while to get used to.

Because the policy should be for the entire county or none of it.

Environment concerns. Easy to buy cloth bags or reuse paper bags.

I know it's coming - but when it does prices will go up.

Single use plastic bags cause a lot of problems. Aside from the obvious waste ending at the landfill where they take hundreds of years to break down, they also tend to wander the landscape as litter, ending up in drainage, clogging municipal wastewater systems and eventually making their way to the ocean where they cause even more damage.

We reuse them at least once as can liners for some food storage. Sometimes they get reused several times.

I use the bags again when I change dirty diapers and change kitty litter

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They are a menace to our environment

This is in-necessary. Stop in-needed government action. Allow the free market to address the issue.

It will help reduce waste and make use of reusable containers.

SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS ARE BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT-- BY DEFINITION THEY ARE INEFFICIENT CARRIERS AND EVENTUAL GARBAGE.

They are something we can do without. I do forget my reusable bags once in awhile but as stated, pay a fee for a paper bag if needed.

They are destroying our environment.

It's the enviroment

Because the few times I use "single use" bags instead of reusable, they're indispensable, waterproof, and I make sure to add them to my stash to reuse again.

Environmental concerns. We need to get rid of plastic! Our children's children will be appreciative

I think it would help motivate and remind people(myself included) to bring reuseable bags. We really need to start being more conscientious about our plastic use overall.

We really don't need extra bags and they are such a waste of resources and high pollutant

They are horrible! Use paper!

Cut down on waste

People are perfectly able to bring their own bags.

Because it's extremelly wasteful and destroying the environment and ecosystems

You can't recycle them.

Convenience

No need to. If you are going to eliminate these you better eliminate the single-use garbage bags that everybody uses. This is just more micro-managing from government to support doomsday naysayers that are against everything. If government wants to solve a perceived problem find a way to recycle them. Recycling works if you keep it simple, but it seems to be getting harder to recycle some items so they get put in the trash.

We need to reduce our plastics.

We need to either find a new source for plastic which is made out of biodegradable material that does not hurt our environment or we need to ban the use of plastic bags entirely.

Plastic is bad for the environment. I wonder why the law would o ly affect unincorporated Washington County?

Bigger problems: Wasted fossil fuel from traffic congestion!

Sometimes you are in a situation where you don't have reusable with you.

Why waste more of our resources if we don't have to?

banning plastic is good for our environment.

Single use containers create both unnecessary waste and potential danger to health.

More big government - if reusable bags work and are economical people will self adopt - I did. In California where I go for work they charge for bags - each bag is super heavy, but I would not call it long term reusable. Each bag makes way more plastic waste in total then a "disposable" kind - plus i always reuse those for trash bags or other

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things like dog poop. Stop trying to be Portland, we don't live downtown for a reason.

I'm fine with it for grocery stores, but not sure about what this means for restaurants - just that they need to use paper instead? Without better understanding that its hard to support it.

It is so easy to carry reusable bags in your car or a rollable bag in your pocket. We need to stop using so much plastic and this is an easy way to start.

Its good for the environment and I hate seeing the bags litter the roadways and waterways. I think it might save the county money in cleanup costs of those areas.

They are bad for the environment and for wild animals.

People can get used to alternatives. Plastics in the environment is a very critical issue and we need to get started on reversing some of the damage. Start now!

Just not sure how much this would help the climate, ie, is this a huge problem towards the climate issue?

Plastic of all types is killing Earth. If I ruled the world all plastic in it's present form (non-biodegradable) would be banned.

Plastic bags are dangerous for our landfills; waterways; is never absorbed into the earth; kills sea life; kills wildlife; and harms human life!

This will force consumers to bring their own bags and reduce reliance on plastic use

They are completely unnecessary! Not to mention an environmental disaster.

I think we use way too much plastic as a society and reducing the number of single use plastic bags is a good place to start

You should reward people for bringing their own bag, not penalize those who don't. Lower income shoppers will be affected most.

I mean because we are killing sea life one bag at a time, and contributing to a problem we won't be able to fix after we are dead

This survey doesn't include Hillsboro, where I live, and thus I don't believe I should be voting on something that doesn't affect all citizens equally.

plastic bags are harmful to the environment

Plastic bag has its use; I use it for garbage like a garbage bag and it has its multiple use. Banning plastic bags will be not a smart idea. Replacing plastic bags with Paper bags will beg for more tree to cut down.

Most end up in the landfills.

Two reasons, the fee on paper bags and the restriction on restaurants.

My experience in other areas as that stores charged the fee for plastic and didn't offer paper. If the ordinance required businesses to offer paper. I would be more likely to support it.

Environmentally harmful, easily replaceable

Making this a statewide measure might have some impact though I think that's debatable . Limiting it to unincorporated wash co just penalizes the consumers and businesses in that area while doing nothing to solve the plastic problem.

Some plastic bags such as the ones the Fred Meyer has for produce are so thin that they can not be reused for anything; indeed they can hardly be used once without tears. These I consider single use and should be outlawed. A decent bag that doesn't fall apart right away should still be available. Most stores have those for your grocery purchases. Bales Thriftway has the strongest bags that are intended for purchases. We reuse all bags that we can, but usually use cloth bags for the items purchased or paper if I forget the cloth ones.

Its time to break our plastic habit.

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Because it is simple to bring your own bags or use paper bags. Plastic is terrible and small measures we can take to make a difference is needed.

Paper costs a little more for businesses, but it is much easier to recycle and has less impact on the environment. Charge us a little more somehow on those to-go orders or at the register.

This should have happened long ago!

Such a policy would encourage consumers to use reusable bags and ban single-use plastic that is often not recycled and can end up polluting waterways and killing wildlife.

They are not necessary and carry too much of a burden for our trash/recycling systems and our collective environment.

We can live without them, better.

I was brought up in an era that did not have plastic bags, seemed to work then, why not now.

Because they are so bad for the environment.

Plastic bags aren't easily recyclable and end up creating a lot of debris in the environment.

It's unnecessary and just perpetuates the nanny-state that Oregon has become.

It is more cost effective to make plastic bags versus producing paper, not to mention the caustic chemicals that go into making paper bags. I can remember 30 years ago this same basic conversation was happening, and it was determined that paper bags were EVIL. Plastic bags are a renewable resource if recycled. I would challenge Washington County to make recycling of the plastic bags more available than banning them!!

I support the ban because there are better alternatives to plastic bags and the plastic bags are an unnecessary addition to the waste stream.

I care about the environment and small changes will slowly help to create more change,

They should not be in the landfill and I have never used them. We need to get rid of them everywhere in Oregon and challenge others to follow in our foot steps to be a healthy green state.

Should have done this years ago!!

Paper bags deteriorate in the wet weather. Having plastic as an option is vital.

I reuse the plastic bags for other things. Our groceries cost enough already and paper bags dont hold up.in the rain.

because those places charge several dollars for reusable bags that often break and don't hold up

Plastic needs to be discontinued. Plastic containers, bags, straws, etc. have been shown to destroy animal life and litter our planet. Reusable bags, paper bags are the future of a healthier planet.

I work inMcMinnville, we have it there and it's great. My only gripe is that people who use food stamps get the bags for free. You don't NEED grocery bags. If you forget yours you can just load the groceries into your cart.

Because they create litter problems, blowing around on the sides of roads and in streets.

I am all for getting rid of one-time, plastic "carry-out" bags; however, I DO use one-time plastic bags for putting my produce in, and would NOT like to see them banned.

We are losing the ability to recycle efficiently, and bags are destroying ecosystems around the planet.

It's stupid and naive. People are smart enough to re-use and recycle. Govt needs to stop virtue signaling and meddling in our lives and business.

They are not recyclable so they need to go

Plastic pollution in the ocean and environment is a serious problem and no effective way to solve it yet. I would welcome any measures to help on this issue with small sacrifice of some "convenience".

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They don't biodegrade and so many end up in our waterways potentially injuring wildlife.

Would want to know the cost-impact on business for one consideration. Also, would if it would be more eco-friendly to not use the plastic but have many reuseable bags manufactured that aren't recyclable. Currently, I think "single-use" bags can be recycled.

Shouldn't be by government requirement.

They are unnecessary and are killing our wildlife and never go away and are hard to recycle.

I hate plastic bags and never get them. I only use paper bags when I forget my reusable bag

Because there are so many useful and realistic alternatives

We really need to break our plastic addiction because it's having such a huge negative impact on our environment in so many ways. We should really strive to avoid any "single-use" plastic items.

It's just extra waste.

I don't want plastic polluting the earth

I reuse them at home.

It should be for everyone, not just those of us that live in unincorporated Washington County. Always screwing those in unincorporated Washington County

Tired of seeing plastic bags every where I go' ditches, hedges, landscaped areas, homeless camps etc. They rank up there with cigarette butts every where you look!

I've been using cloth bags since 1991, but I use a few plastic bags for things like lining wastebaskets. I use the same bag as a liner for many months until it becomes soiled or torn.

Just look at our planet and ocean!

they are bad for the environment. I recycle mine at a couple of the different groceries stores, but I do find it annoying to have to recycle them.

There are too many on the side of the road. They get blown around by the wind and need to be discarded from use. We have plenty of reusable bags and just need to remember to use them.

I like to reuse them for other things

This is a convenient practice that has a detrimental impact on our health and environment. We are capable of actively changing our behavior to show our commitment to community health by leaving this useless product behind.

The ocean is full of plastic. Microplastics are being carried from small streams and rivers to the ocean, and it's killing marine animals and fish. Take a look at Oregon Field Guide's recent program.

I chose to use paper bags over plastic bags because they are biodegradable and because I'm not good about recycling plastic bags. I am all for bringing in my own bags too, BUT, I do NOT want to be charged extra for paper if they reduce plastic.

Plastics are a "forever" contamination to our environment. As plastics break down, they are able to invade even our own bodies and living creatures.

I use them for many things at home and what I don't use I bring to our food bank at church to carry vegetables, fruits, etc.

We have too much plastic in our environment/lives

They aren't single use for me. I reuse them as garbage bags. So do away with them and you'd still see as many bags in the land fill because I'd have to buy others.

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I don't think single use plastic bags are necessary, and they are detrimental to the environment. I moved to Washington County from Portland so I'm used to not using them and being prepared with my own bags. When plastic bags are available, it seems that people use a lot of them and only carry a small amount in each bag. They are very wasteful. I was surprised and disappointed that Washington County still allowed them when I moved here. Not as what is stated above. I do think plastic needs to be reduced. However it should be incentive based not penalizing based. Instead of banning plastic and charging for paper, institute a discount for each reusable bag being utilized per transaction. Catch more flies with honey than vinegar. ☑

Plastic bags are still needed to keep meats from cross contaminating other items in your bags.

we need to

Sometimes it is just the best option. Charge 25 cents per bag, that would reduce use. But banning is too strong and offers no options. Paper is difficult in our rainy climate as bags get wet and deteriorate. Reusable bags are often made from plastic and don't last forever either and end up as nonrecyclable waste. Visitors and travellers don't always have their bags with them. So I recommend discouraging but not banning.

Sad to say, far too many bags end up polluting - streets, streams, trees, etc. Voluntary measures haven't really worked well enough.f

Plastic very convenient and use for other things at home. We also recycle the bags if they are not re-used.

Support the environment

I am lucky to still be able to drive places and keep reusable bags in my car, but I see many people walking, carrying plastic bags of groceries. A plastic bag is easy to carry, it holds up better than paper in rainy walking conditions and would be handy for an "impulse" purchase. Also, charging for the paper bag might be a financial burden for those who need to walk. In a "perfect world", however, I would vote to ban the plastic bags, even though I find many uses for them at home. Paper bags would need to be made ONLY from recycled or "farmed" fiber sources.

Calling them "single-use" plastic bags is misleading. These bags can be and are reused for a variety of uses before they are disposed of. Perhaps the most common is as a trash can liner. If these bags were no longer available from retailers, they would have to be replaced with thicker plastic garbage bags.

There are options that are less damaging to our earth, both in the making and in the disposition. Too many end up as litter.

Protect the environment! Stores and restaurants can use paper bags or consumer can bring their own reusable bag.

plastic is so hard to get rid of. The plastic containers take up so much room in your garbage can and they don't break down.

They are great as pooper-scoopers ... and I usually forget my tote bags...

Bags are used for a variety of other uses in the home.. would have to buy similar bags to replace the store ones. Narrow minded thinking !!!

I am a BIG recycler since 1970...I all ready use my own cloth reusable bags for shopping

There are more ecological bags available.

On the one hand, not everyone who shops carries their own bags (I'm thinking of low income people who do not always have the additional funds to purchase reusable bags); and people often re-use plastic bags to pick up pet waste. On the other hand, restricting plastic bags is good for the environment and the gigantic Pacific Ocean waste pile. Paper bags should not be included, though - they are environmentally friendly and reusable (we use paper bags for our recyclables). Stores should be encouraged to give out free re-usable bags with a certain purchase amount (low, like \$25, to be available those who are low income). Re-usable bags feature the logo of the store, so it's free advertising for them, as well.

Reuse them, recycle them

The general use plastic bag is not necessary. Even if it's reused at home once or twice, it's still just thrown away.

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There is no recycling of this type of plastic in Washington county, so it all becomes landfill eventually. At least paper is recyclable.

I do feel bad as it's only unincorporated. Why not all of Wash. Cty?

Too much waste that is not biodegradable.

They are destroying the environment and have been the cause of bird and fish deaths. We can do better than this

I use plastic bags for various garbage collection chores and many other uses at home. I see pick-up trucks on the road with plastic bags flying out of their trucks. Because some people are irresponsible with these bags, I don't feel responsible people should be punished.

Everybody can bring their own bag (and even containers) to help reduce the use and demand of plastic.

For the reasons stated in your description. Encouraging people to bring their own and limiting our community's use of a nonrenewable resource.

I think it is obvious!

Allow stores to provide what they want to provide. Stop attempts to limit our freedoms. There is a reason why a lot of us live in Washington County and it's because it's one of the most conservative counties in the area. Don't start switching to liberal, left-leaning policies that will drive people to other areas.

There are NO EXCUSES for single use plastic bags, straws and containers that cannot be recycled locally to be used in our communities. We are now paying the consequences for the short sighted vision of convenience over caring responsibly for our environment and that is coming at a higher cost than we could have realized. Now is the time!!

This is a very important and effective way to combat plastic waste and has been successfully implemented all over the world. We can do it, too!

not convenient to be carrying bags around. we already have a busy life, not one more thing to be thinking about it. Maybe give a discount for those that bring their own bag but store/restaurant still have bags.

Convenient

Plastic bags are an environmental hazard that we can easily eliminate.

Too much plastic in our environment!

Environmental

The raw material for plastic bags are dead ferns with about 10 percent dead dinosaurs. Paper bags raw materials are from thinned trees between 10 and 16 years old. Besides the environmental benefits, I would support very large plastic bags for store takeout, like 50 gallons plus. Although even there, there are very large and strong paper bags for those uses.

The ocean is already contaminated enough. It takes all of us to protect our planet.

to leave Mick Jagger and Keith Richards a better world

They are a blight

Cancer

Yes for stores. Not for restaurants. Easy to bring or purchase a bag at the store.

One type of plastic we could limit - believe other places have managed to make it work

Because it is an easy way to reduce single use plastics. Single use plastic bags are often thrown away within minutes of use. It's easy to bring your own bag.

Because we need to reduce our plastic consumption and lead by example globally.

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Plastic is non recyclable!

I can't say yes or no because I lack the necessary knowledge about the relative merits of plastic & paper bags.

Plastic bags are destroying the environment. If they aren't provide people will be forced to remember their reusable bag or pay for paper. Then it becomes a habit for all!

Society needs to shift its practices to save the planet. Other communities have successfully made this transition and so can we.

We have a desperate need to reduce the production of, use, and waste resulting from plastic bags.

These bags do not break down in the garbage dump

Bad for the planet and not necessary

We have to for the sake of the planet!

single-use Plastic bags are a huge environmental issue that needs to be tackled seriously at source

They are sanitary and convenient. Bring your own bag is a serious health problem.

Plastic is terrible and they are over used.

we all have plenty of reusable bags!

They are wasteful and other options are readily available.

Because I have experienced first hand the transition from always using store-provided plastic bags to being required to use my own reusable bags (when I moved from WA state to Germany). It was a relatively painless transition and involved only creating the habit of keeping reusable bags in the car. It seems like a bigger shift than it actually was.

I try to use my reusable cloth bags already. I find that I end up with a huge pile of the plastic bags and finding recycle places is sometimes challenging.

Why would the policy only apply to unincorporated Washington County? I like the thicker mil bags and reuse them routinely. How would we distinguish between bags? Will small business owners be exempt? What happened to conserving trees; now we are going in the opposite direction? How will paper bags be recycled?

I use the bags for garbage and other things .. I have cloth bags I always bring to store but still need plastic bags..

There is no need for them. People have gotten used to it and don't realize how they bags have taken a toll on our planet.

I never use plastic, bad for the environment

Too much wasted plastic and this is one way to reduce this overused material.

I save and reuse the bags.

We need to eliminate single use plastic.

We should be prohibiting the use of disposable containers that are not presently being recycled. This ordinance, while better than nothing, is only a drop in the bucket compared to what we should be doing.

Because I don't need them. The plastic is a hassle to get rid of. I have a bag of plastic bags that horrifies me to put in the garbage but there is no other reasonable way to dispose of it.

We need to cut down the amount of plastic being manufactured and ending up in landfills or bodies of water

It takes far more resources for paper sack/bags.

Unnecessary.

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It's unnecessary waste when reusable bags are just as good, if not better since they're more durable.

Plastic bags can easily be reused or recycled (at a store drop off), however many end up in the environment as litter causing damage to the ecosystem and animals. Paper bags can be reused or recycled as well, and are not as damaging to the environment, but they have a high cost when it comes to production. I feel like the best thing is to encourage people to bring their own bags by imposing a small cost on ANY one use bag. I would also like to find a way to encourage more reusable containers in the product and bulk sections of stores. Most stores allow for reusable produce bags, but some stores do not allow reusable bags in the bulk section (I love Winco's bulk section, but they have a store policy that reusable bags cannot be used in the bulk section. They also give 6 cents off for every reusable bag you bring for checkout and that is fabulous!). I have noticed that a discount is good incentive, but a fee really works best.

Because I care about the environment and public health harm of plastic

Plastic bags are very bad for the environment, including bodies of water and all the living things.

People aren't stepping up with voluntary restrictions on use of plastic. We need to mandate this!

There's enough plastic in the world. We can do better.

We are too used to the convenience of disposable items and or environment is paying the price. It's simply a change of habit. It may be difficult for some people at first, but we are all callable of changing our habits.

For most purchases paper bags are fine. However for meat, fish and poultry, plastic bags are more sanitary.

I see no reason to force people into having to buy cloth bags or pay for the paper bags. Every day I see more and more trash left by the homeless camps which are really effecting our quality of life and little is ever done to resolve it. We use to be that paper bags were all they used at the stores so we switched to plastic to save from cutting down trees and now you want to go back,? Get real people!

It makes sense to make this policy county-wide(or state-wide), rather than just city-wide. I think this DOES encourage people to bring their own reusable bags.

There are many times a plastic bag is handy when purchasing small item. They can be reused for waste basket liners and other uses around the house to then go to the land fill.

We use them to pick up after our dogs and clean our cat's litter box making them not single use. If we don't get them at the store, then we would but single use bags for those purposes.

Earth friendly

Save the animals

Convenience and cost.

I prefer less regulation on things like this.

We reuse so-called single use bags - several times.

Plastic bags are not biodegradable and end up as litter in our waterways, roads, landfills and oceans. It's very easy to keep a few reusable bags handy in your vehicle to use for our grocery trips.

I reuse them.

plastic bags are not good for the world.

To decrease pollution.

We use reusable bags to begin with and reuse any plastic bags that we might get.

Let's focus on finding markets to send all of our curbside recycling materials that are currently being stored and / or put in the landfill 1st, instead of this nanny-state crap.

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First I'd like to know how it's going in Hillsboro. Secondly, the paper bags have got to have handles on them. Presently - most don't. Personally I prefer the paper bags, but they have to have handles. Since they don't, I like the plastic bags that do. I'm am very careful with the plastic bags, and always recycle them.

Its time we protect our planet. There are other options available.

Reduce plastic usage where there is no absolute necessity for their usage. Removing them from grocery stores and restaurants is a no brainer.

Unwarranted intrusion into private transactions.

Love the convenience but we need to do more now we cant ship put pur plastics as we did in the past

In two years the concrete industry pollutes more than the entire plastic industry has in the last 60 years. These little attacks are not where we should focus our energy. It also takes 30-50 uses of a reusable bag(depending on bag type) to make up for one plastic bag.

Often disposed of improperly and last in the environment for an extraordinary period of time.

Seriously, are you really asking this question?

Because it is better for the environment

Hardly anyone recycles the bags. They go to the dump and take forever to decompose.

If I have to pay for a paper bag, I want it to have handles. Any paper grocery bag without handles is useless.

Plastic is destroying our environment. I work at Washington County Juvenile Services and am appalled at all the plastic garbage bags that get thrown out each day and week. There should be alternative products used for our trash bins.

Plastic is choking our oceans, where much garbage eventually ends up. They should be banned, single use, multiple use. Ban them all.

YES!! Single use of anything like carryout bags, cups, straws, to-go containers, etc, need to stop. Our planet (and especially our ocean animals) need our help, which will, in the end, help us. I am SO frustrated that we are not recycling plastics that China used to take, such as clam shell containers. I wish we could all work together to save the planet. :-)

Bad for environment

Too many plastics in the world!

I think so because hundreds to thousands of plastic bags are used every day and lots of them end up in the landfill. All this plastic hurts our planet and reducing the usage of it is a small step in the right direction.

Plastic bags are not necessary. They blow around everywhere and are a blight on our neighbors.

Safe the environment from plastic bags waste

we need to make changes that support a healthy planet

Not my policy to tell privately owned businesses how to operate.

Only use plastic a few moments but plastics ruining our environment.

Stores yes. Restaurants? Not so much. Take out food can be drippy and a paper bag is not going to contain that. Nor am I willing to have i.e. teriyaki or curry sauce dripping through my cloth bag onto my car seat.

I'm from England; a similar policy has been in place there for several years and has been highly effective. I recycle my single-use bags, but not handing them out in the first place would be better! There are some local stores - looking at you, Safeway - who seem to delight in double-bagging everything so that the number of bags exceeds the number of grocery items! This is a small change that we can all make that will improve our environment without

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going all hair-shirt-and-granola.

Lowers the amount of products we are consuming

WE must reduce our dependence on single use and multi use plastics - it needs to start somewhere so that it becomes a way of life.

I don't think restaurants should be included in this restriction. I've never thought of taking my re-usable shopping bag with me to pick up takeout food, and... takeout food can be messy.

Good standard ship for the environment

Why not use just paper bags? WHY charge the customer for them? The money saved on double bagging cheap plastic bags by using paper bags will offset the cost of paper bags.

Because it is past time to join with other cities in banning plastic bags!

Because it's horribly damaging to our world!

Too much plastic ends up in the landfill, oceans, etc. They are horrible for our environment and nature.

We must act collectively to restrain our negligent plastic habits.

Because

Plastic doesn't degrade, ever. Check out a beach after a storm.

Plastic bags are able to be recycled

I use plastic bags for several things. I use them to line small trash cans. Pickup dog waste. I use them to throughout old food from the refrigerator. And other things.

I am tired of throwing away perfectly good plastic items due to a lack of where to recycle them. I know that plastic is growing issue and we can be a part of the solution. There are too many other options to offer consumers that are more responsible. This is wonderful to hear Beaverton will be moving this direction!

It would not benefit anyone.

Because they are bad for the environment as people throw them in the trash and don't take efforts to recycle them like other plastics

Plastic has been proven to be harmful to the planets as a whole, as well as our local ecosystem. Plastic bags and straws should be banned completely. It would just be a small step towards a solution for our climate change crisis. Unlike plastic bags, reusable and paper bags can serve multiple purposes, can be reused, and are better for the environment.

The ocean is full of plastic already. We can bring our own bags!

Plastic just collects and to Remember to take the plastic out is a hassle

What, if any, would be the exceptions? What about ALL the other plastics?

1. They are recyclable. 2. I use the plastic bags for my individual room trash can bags at home.

There are generations yet to come. They deserve a clean earth.

Estoy de acuerdo para no contribuir mas a la contaminacion de nuestro planeta.

I do want to stop using plastic bags, but I think an ad campaign or incentives would be a better way rather than forcing fees and regulations on businesses and consumers.

Plastic bags are harmful and wasteful.

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To save environment . Small cotton bags for produce can be found on amazon

Because I should remember my bags every time. Paying is more motivation to do this.

I have reusable bags.

Plastic bags are wasteful and are ruining the planet.

They are not single use. We reuse ours at home and I use them at school for sending wet clothes home or when I have to send student home with an upset stomach.

It has to happen. Plastic is injuring our planet, we need to be solution oriented! We're stewards of the wonderful planet God has given us, let's act together now.

We're ruining our environment with this garbage!!

We are far behind in our society of looking after the planet well,, we need to limit the use of plastics all over the board.

Plastic bags are not being recycled as they should be and are littered everywhere.

I reuse my plastic bags for many different purposes, i.e. trash can liners, carrying wet swim clothes/towels, picking up dog poo, cat litter collection, using them in my suitcase for shoes or dirty laundry, etc... If stores stop providing them, then I'd have to buy them, which I don't want to do. I do understand their contribution to pollution though.

We need to be more responsible and eliminate plastic bags whenever possible They are no longer able to be recycled

I re-use all plastic bags. If I'm not going to use them, I recycle.

Because you are adding an additional fee to buy paper bags. This fee is analogous to a forced fee or tax. Do you think we all have extra money laying around? Groceries are expensive already.

Because I recycle them just like paper, but mostly bring my own bag.

Plastic waste is killing the planet and micro plastics are probably killing us through cancers

Plastic bags are not biodegradable, and as such are harming the earth to an enormous degree.

Plastic bags are recyclable and handy for other uses. Charging money if you don't happen to remember to bring a bag from home is greedy and controlling. Keep government out of commerce.

There are times when the plastic bags are good: meat products, wet produce, frozen items

I reuse the plastic bags later. Also using same bags over and over for foods is absolutely disgusting.

Wasn't it just a few years ago that the State wanted to ban paper bags and go to plastic??!!!!?? Stop trying to control everyone's lives.

I would love to be forced into doing the right thing for our environment. It's something that we can all do but most of us don't. Force the right change!

Really? Charge folks for paper bags? The stores can ABSORB that cost or pass it on to their customers - as in raise the prices on their goods and not a flat fee to the consumer - period! Do NOT get involved in dictating to business how to run them. When China and India start cleaning up their backyards, then come talk to me. Until then, stop the madness!

I reuse the bags for other purposes.

We need to stop using single use plastic bags, stores should provide paper. However, I don't think customers should be charged extra for a paper bag. I think if customers want to bring their own bag they should be credited 5 cents. That is more of an incentive to bring a bag.

For the environment.

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Don't take my plastic bags.

It will help change people's habits. We will be more likely to remember to take a reusable bag.

Plastic bags need to die. Zero need for these largely not recycled items.

They are recyclable, and they are not single use. They are used for storage, liners, and as garbage bags. Without them we would have to go to the store and buy them for money to line our small garbage bins. It's ridiculous to get rid of them all-together and then charge the public.

Although I do reuse plastic bags, for garbage liners etc, they really are not necessary...I remember when I was a young child, we just washed the garbage cans out whenever we emptied them...yes it was a nuisance and could be smelly, but much more environmentally friendly

Plastic is dangerous for the environment and for our future. There is no need to use plastic bags when we have paper and reusable options.

it is very easy to carry our own bags to the store or restaurant. If not, restaurants can charge an extra dollar or two for a cloth reusable bag. It will actually encourage us to bring our own bags. I always forget to bring my own (and I have many) because I know I will find bags at the grocery store. But if I had to pay extra for them, then it will encourage me to bring my own and not rely on the store.

We need to reduce plastic waste. Making plastic consumes petroleum, and these plastic bags last forever in our landfills and as litter on our streets. *

Plastic bags are convenient to users but detrimental to the environment which is already suffering in so many other ways. It's one small thing we can do to create a positive change. If banned, people will have to think about bringing a bag of their own. I forget so easily because plastic is available.

I reuse the plastic bags for garbage can liners. They are waterproof unlike paper bags.

Too much plastic waste and not recycled. Look at garbage on side of roads, etc. If I get a plastic bag I do reuse to liner small garbage cans in my house or use to carry projects in for quilt group or however I can but not everyone does that and it is sad.

There are enough plastic bags in the world. We can do without these.

Because I believe that to help the environment this will help.

I don't think you should charge for paper bags. That is ridiculous.

to help save the environment

An unnecessary convenience that is easily remedied should be stopped. I heartily support this behavior change.

We need to stop adding to our landfills! Plus they are easy to be windblown which endangers our wildlife. They are made from non renewable resources which add to climate change. Not easy to recycle.

If it restricted petroleum-based plastic bags specifically - providing stores the option to use bioplastic bags (e.g. Avani) instead - then I would support it.

Death to plastic.

Plastics of all kinds are littered everywhere, recycling abilities have decreased and the environment is suffering. We must take steps to stop these problems.

It's not a solution.

Paper is a better choice.

Single use plastic bags are terrible for the environment, and are such a waste. Either bring your own, or only allow paper bags.

We need to do what we can to keep plastics out of the environment.

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I don't think we need a tax everytime we don't like something. That said, why not pay people to bring their own.

Better for the environment

I reuse plastic bags at home for cat box scooping.

To don't take them now and I don't have any prop lens getting along

Plastic bags are bad for the planet because they do not decompose quickly.

I use the bags for lining the garbage cans and putting my parents "Depends" in a leak proof liner. I use the bags for transplanting garden plants, carrying wet boots and gear for the car. I also use the bags to securely tie the chicken scraps into a stick proof seal. IF the bags are banned, then I am forced to Pay Proctor and Gamble for bags. This is an extra burden on my fixed income and older life style problems. Please, do not ban the bags. I pick up garbage in the city everyday. The major pollutant is not plastic bags, it's cigarette ends, candy wrappers and fast-food containers.

Plastic can keep things cleaner.

Plastic bags are not good for the environment!

We need to move away from use of nonrenewable resources and items that don't easily biodegrade.

Because I use the plastic bags for other things when I'm home!

Restrictions that limit choice are never a great idea. Incentives matter more - add a plastic bag surcharge.

Plastic bags are part of a huge excess of plastic problem we face as a country.

Because it would ONLY APPLY TO UNINCROORATED WASH. CO ???????? All or nothing !!! Why only unincorporated?

We need to do our part to eliminate plastics from the environment

Cause we need to start caring about our environment

They are difficult to recycle, bad for the environment, and I just don't like using them.

As a volunteer Master Recycler, I work at Fred Meyer in the ClickList department and it's nice to put meat/liquid filled items in a plastic bag to prevent any leakage.

I can support it for grocery stores, but not for restaurant take out which can often leak on the way home.

Because we should restrict single use plastic at every opportunity.

Business owners should be able to make this decision for themselves.

we do

We **must** make the tiny extra effort that help saves the planet. Minimal impact on individuals with HUGE cumulative impact across 10's of thousands of people.

Single use plastics need to be banned. Our environment is suffering and far more important than the convenience plastic bags provide.

They are wasteful and don't biodegrade.

we dont need plastic bags except for take out food. That should not be limited.

Protect the future of our children's earth.

It's a hassle, and unsanitary for meats.

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I never accept plastic bags from any store. I try to always bring my own bags. If I forget, I either carry my items in my hands, if possible, or use a paper bag.

It will push us into a good habit that in general people want but can't always accomplish.

Ban all single use plastic! And styrofoam!!!!

Not sure that a ban is the most effective way to reduce single plastic use. Worry that it would impact business in a negative way as well.

It will help the environment.

I think there needs to be regulatory pressure on businesses to reduce plastic/Styrofoam usage. The cost of alternative materials is minimal for businesses and consumers.

Many times i go to th grocery store with my cloth bags...2-3, perhaps. Then I buy more things than my bags accommodate so I get a plastic bag or 2. Fred Meyer has a plastic bag return bin just inside the door. My husband collects the plastic bags that we get and returns then to the stores recycle bag bin.

Extend it to towns also. It works fine in California

Plastic never goes away. Paper degrades and is recyclable.

I think decreasing the use of plastic bags is a good step towards combating the over-abundance of garbage humans are filling the Earth with. I support environmentally friendly legislation whenever possible.

A lot of the single use bags are not even really needed and we are just so used to having them handed to us. Obviously, plastics and plastic bags in general are a huge environmental issue. I'm all for limiting or eliminating their use.

Plastic is a hardship to the environment. The planet is worth protecting with something as simple as using a different mode of carrying something like groceries. I HATE all the plastic bags you see in the metro area as garbage. We need to do better.

To save the earth!!!!!!

Because I feel like a bunch of restaurants, bars, and stores use plastic bags even though the ban is in effect because there are no repercussions.

I already take my own bags. We don't need plastic ones.

There is absolutely no reason to continue the excessive use of single use plastic bags. They need to be banned for produce and take away purchases. At a minimum, there should be a charge for plastic bags. They damage from plastic waste is a cost to our entire ecosystem. Consumers are responsible to pick up at least a portion of the cost, if they're going to continue to contribute to the problem.

Who declares the bags as "single use"? Maybe put an effort to inform people other ways to use the bags after initial use. I'm sure most people use them for other things. Also, the windfall of not providing bags from retailers just goes in their pockets and they want money for the remaining bag option. Let market force dictate their use and acceptance. People bring germ infested bags from their home (under sinks, in car trunks) and place them on checkout counters for all to unwittingly share. Who manages that??

Plastic is too permanent, it needs to be restricted!

Great way to remove mass amounts of these from the waste-stream.

Because I care about the planet, people, and animals, and find the wasteful convenience offered by plastic bag completely unnecessary.

Plastic bags are dangerous. They get into the environment and kill and into our food supply. They don't biodegrade. I can easily use a cloth bag.

It will NOT help protecting our environment!

While I personally do not use plastic bags, forcing people to use other methods is not a good way to bring about

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lasting change.

There are more sustainable options, and if those options cost more, push that cost to the consumer hopefully teaching them to bring their own bag.

Plastic is horrible for the environment. So much of it ends up in the ocean and kills or hurts marine life.

Single use plastic bags are wasteful. I prefer reusable bags anyway.

The inability to recycle them like we used to.

This is just one small thing that needs to be done to control our plastic waste.

To reduce waste, carbon footprint, climate change and frankly, to help save our planet earth, our home

harmful to environment

So much waste that cannot be reclaimed in a meaningful way.

Would depend on the type of restriction. I need a certain # of these bags. Would be willing to pay, say five or ten cents for them - so would support that. But would not like a full ban.

Reduce (and refuse). I am a Master Recycler.

Too much plastic that just ends up in landfills.

Because plastic bags are wasteful and I want my kids to grow up in a healthy environment.

I use my own bags but also use plastic bags for a lot of different things.

The magnitude of the plastic problem and its impact on our water ecosystems is very, very serious. There are other sources of plastic that are much more difficult to find another material as a replacement, but using reusable bags for shopping is an easy fix. It saves money for the companies, is healthier for the environment, and provides a regular reminder that our choices as individuals can and do make a difference in our world.

There are plenty of alternatives, and sometimes we just need to be forced into it.

Single use plastic use must be reduced to reduce plastic pollution all over our world.

Plastic pollutes our landscapes, damages our waterways, and kills sea life. We may not be able to live plastic-free, but we can certainly live without single use plastic.

Eliminates plastic waste

We reuse the plastic bags and find them very useful. We also try to recycle the bags.

It's a pain to remember the bags all the time! I also never know how many I will need until I'm in the store.

Our reliance and obsession with convenience has caused lasting damage to the planet that will require decades of sacrifice to (hopefully) reverse. Giving up one small convenience to have a small impact on the planet's well-being is a necessary sacrifice that I am willing to undergo. Also, relying on most people, who are extremely busy with their lives, to willingly choose to give up any convenience, no matter how small, is not a realistic option. Government must make the difficult choices that individuals are not willing or able to make and ban single-use plastic bags for the sake of all living things on the planet.

I always bring my own bag, such a waste to use once!

The cost incurred through reusable bags may far exceed any savings in the environment. 1. Reusable bags cost significantly more. 2. Using reusable bags for potentially contaminated food (e.g., eggs, meat product) may spread disease with illness & even death in the community. 3. Education and voluntary encouragement through community initiative will eventually provide greater impact. Forced, legislated activities like this proposal makes us

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a society controlled by strongly opinionated minority.

They aren't as huge of a threat when people reuse them.

I don't like taking plastic bags home, and it's difficult to recycle or reuse them.

It's less wasteful and better for the environment.

Cost and inconvenience. Recycle yes!

What about the plastic clamshells/ styrofoam containers used for carry out food?

It's the only way to break the habit because single use plastic bags are too convenient.

Not the government's business. If your really concerned, encourage the return of paper bags, sustainable logging in state forests and local papermills. In other words , put oregon to work producing sustainable, recyclable and comparable products.

Given the amount of plastic bags that get used and the pollution they can cause, I think it's in our best interest to limit the use of them.

I dont always carry bags, especially leak proof if needed for to go type foods.

I would support this because there is a massive problem with single-use plastics finding their way into our waterways and oceans and injuring sea life. And also because these bags do not degrade in landfills. AND also because petroleum is used to make these bags which itself causes pollution.

We have too much plastic waste in our society. It takes decades for it to disintegrate in landfills, rivers, streams and lakes. It's toxic to birds, fish and other animals. It's a health hazard to humans as well. We can easily make a difference for our world by giving this type of convenience up and switch to paper bags, straws and cartons to name a few.

They are terrible for the environment.

Plastic bags are horrible for the whole environment. These bags literally kill millions of animals a year.

Get that crap out of our ecosystem out of the ocean.

We need to limit the amount of plastic we use. It's not only polluting the ocean but so much more.

Too many of the single use bags end up damaging the environment. Time to end it.

I'm all for eliminating plastic bags. However, I do not believe that large retail stores need to charge for paper bags. They charge enough already...and who wants to carry bags around the mall just in case you buy something? I'm pretty certain they can afford to give us a bag to carry out the items we just purchased from their store!

They are wasteful to make and end up in landfills

While I frequently forget to bring my bags into the store, and have to run back to get them, I'd still rather bring my own then create the needless waste. The bags have become a blight on the landscape, and any steps that we can take in reducing their use would be welcome by me.

Plastic is creating environment issue, they need to go!

It's hurting our earth- polluting our oceans and killing our animals

I'm lucky to be able to drive so it's easy for me take my purchases my car and fill the reusable bags there. Now and then I still use plastic bags for produce and food out of bins. I'm in favor of restricting plastic bags but they should still be available for certain situations that paper bags wouldn't work for.

Sometimes I forget the reusable bags and I reuse them as bathroom garbage bags.

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I'm not sure it's the most effective or even the biggest plastic problem we have. I'd rather see a ban on grocery stores not using single use plastic containers (the ones that they put donuts and baked goods in) or at least some way to get rid of those.

The environment is more important than our habits! It will be a good way to force us to do the right thing and less other communities to do the same.

Ever seen a CEREAL BOX get wet after a rainstorm ? ((all you have left to protect your food - if it's edible at all, is the Cardboard.)) Ever Ordered a TACO... and you are stuck using Napkins to clean up the SAUCE, CONDOMENTS, SHELL... that's nickle and dime stuff being taken away from your COMBO MEAL.

I believe anything to stop use of plastics is a good thing.

Ease of use, plastic bags prevent liquid seepage into or from the bag containing grocery or TO GO food items. Seepage prevention mitigates need for using harsh chemicals to clean items from spillage if paper, cardboard or cloth bags are used instead of plastic. Charging for recyclable paper bags seems odd, as they were available for free ~15 years ago. Reusable non-plastic bags should be encouraged, but should not be a Government mandate.

I would rather not pay a fee for using a paper bag. I always ask for paper in the grocery store. I don't think making people pay a fee to switch is the answer the large retail store just need to change. The one that only have plastic like Target, Kohl and other chain need to come up with a reusable product. It should be big enough for larger item too.

I just watched three of those suckers blow down NW 185th midair & caught a trucks side view mirror. I lived in Portland when they scrapped their single use bags & most of my friends & neighbors went to cloth bags. The option of paying a nickel for a recyclable paper bag is also fine with me.

Can't get rid of them

Some things leak. I had to wash my bicycle rack bag twice because of leaking milk jugs. I now always put the milk into a plastic bag. Restaurant food often leaks out of those flimsy, easily cracked plastic containers. I don't want to both buy my own plastic bags and always carry some with me in case I get a whim to stop at a store or restaurant.

Plastic bags create a much smaller carbon footprint than cotton or paper. Paper bags, which would be the stores option, take many trees to make, takes a great deal of energy to cut down those trees (gas), creates a lot of pollution to make the paper to the end product of the bag, they are very heavy to ship to the thousands of stores, finally all the energy required to recycle them. Cotton bags come from water thirsty plants that require thousands of acres to grow, energy to harvest, make and ship. When manufacturing a plastic bag, there's very little waist in the product, plastic bags can be recycled, reused re-purposed. Most Oregonians are responsible when it comes to those bags, so they don't wind up in the oceans. And the last point, paper bags cotton bags cost more, when grocery store prices would go up

I hate getting plastic bags on the few occasions when I forget to bring my own and paper bags are not an option.

They are terrible for the environment

My household uses them over and over again.

Single use plastic bags are a big source of pollution and since they don't decompose, they are a big polluter. There are better alternatives like reusable bags or paper bags.

many reasons terrible for environment to produce seem to end up scattered around outside looking trashy not recycle-able in home cans encourages people to use re-useable bags over paper because they are really more effective for carrying most items reduce landfill build-up

Environmental issues and overflow of landfill

Always take my own bags to grocery store. Could easily take them tonall other stores.

I believe it is better for our environment.

I'd prefer to Improve through education and positive incentives rather than a ban.

Too much is already in our landfills.

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Environmental hazard

We need to be good stewards of our environment. I would not support a small fee for paper bags though. Paper is recyclable, unlike plastic bags for the most part.

As long as there is SOME free option for those who cannot afford reusable bags, it's important to limit unnecessary use of single-use plastics and, having been through this same process in Portland, it is not unmanageably onerous.

Paper bags are just as useful as a plastic bag, but without the disastrous environmental impact.

We need to protect the environment!

Single use bags are not single use. You can reuse them at home for many other purposes. They can be made into crochet baskets and reusable shopping bags or sleeping mats for the homeless. I would be happy to use paper bags instead, but they should be provided to the customer at no extra charge. Why not bags made from hemp instead of wood based paper. Paper bags are also re-useable for many other purposes in our household. A paper bag from the store carries home the groceries, then it becomes a dog toy - our dog loves to tear up a paper bag for fun,. After that we shred the bag in our paper shredder to become bedding for our pet Guinea Pig and ultimately the soiled bedding becomes garden compost. See -- many uses. Instead of a policy to ban plastic bags, why not launch a campaign to educate people on how to use and reuse. Finally, most re-usable shopping bags are made from plastics and where do they end up at the end of their useful life? -- th end landfill.

It's ridiculous to have to carry around my own bags. I reuse single use bags all the time for carrying stuff at home or for taking out the cat litter.

Because we are killing our planet home. We have to do everything we can for our children and grandchildren's sake. I grew up recycling, it was our life style and I taught my kids to recycle. Our government should require it. We only have one planet.

Although plastic bags are convenient their use is not good for our planet.

I use cloth bags for groceries, and sometimes paper bags, which I also use to recycle shredded paper. If I do get plastic bags, they become my reusable lunch bags for many weeks. When I have a collection they are returned to the store recycler, however I do not know what the store does with them...

Reducing plastic waste that doesn't break down and polluting the environment.

The obvious!

I support less consumption of plastic because it is not biodegradable. Plastics end up being absorbed into our bodies with long-term health consequences. It also stays in the environment and poisons wildlife.

I do not want to see these in the landfills. They are over used

Plastic waste is a large problem in the world. We are going to have to change the way we do things to save Morher Earth.

Single use plastics have a terrible impact on the environment, and their use should be restricted whenever possible. Convenience isn't worth the cost!

Providing bags makes it too easy for people to not use reusable ones.

Plastic bags are bad for the environment

It's better for our environment and it will educate us more and be more conservative

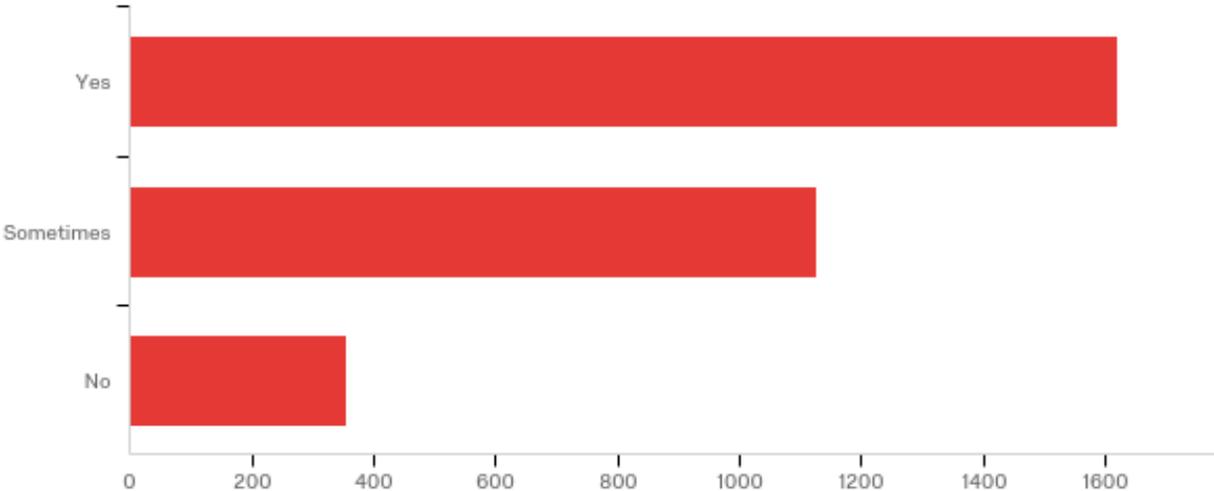
Plastics need to be kept out of our waste as they are destroying the environment

People already have the choice on what type of bag to use. Why do we need more government to force something upon the people?

I reuse the bags

Exhibit C: Questionnaire results and comments

Do you use reusable bags when you go grocery shopping?



#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	52.26%	1621
2	Sometimes	36.30%	1126
3	No	11.44%	355
	Total	100%	3102