

July Recyclable of the Month



Brown Paper Bags



“Paper or Plastic?”

According to Earth911 “When asked, “paper or plastic?” in the checkout line at the supermarket, some people think that brown paper bags are the more eco-friendly choice. But paper bags still have an environmental impact: Each year, Americans use about 10 billion paper bags, which results in the cutting down of 14 million trees. Four times the amount of energy is used to manufacture paper vs. plastic bags, and 98 percent more energy is used to recycle paper vs. plastic bags.

Paper bags can also be reused for book covers, shopping, shipping wrap and trash containers. Brown paper bags are recycled in the Brown Paper Bags bin along the recycling wall.



Thanks for “Stepping Up!”

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