

Making Smart Packaging Choices:

The Bag of Truths Explained

Bacteria live in **99%** of reusable bags tested, including

- **E. coli**
(found in fecal matter)
- **K. pneumoniae**
(causes pneumonia, meningitis)
- **E. aerogenes**
(causes meningitis, sepsis)
- **Norovirus**
(An intense strain of common stomach flu)



The hidden truth about paper bag production

14 million trees killed annually

Uses 4 times more water and generates

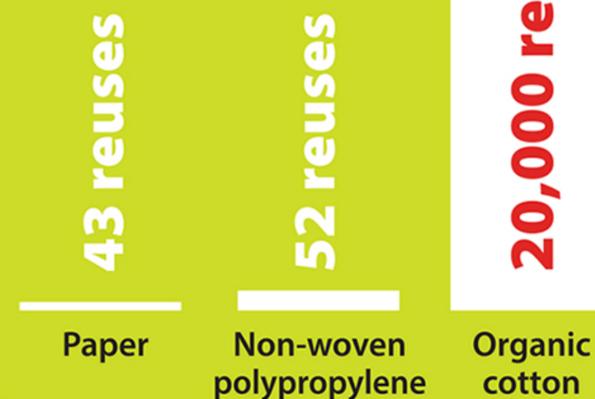
70% more air and **50 times more water** pollution



Bag bans actually increase plastic bag sales

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| 4-gallon bags | 120% |
| 8-gallon bags | 64% |
| 13-gallon bags | 6% |

Number of Reuses required to reach the energy efficiency of 1 plastic bag



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