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TIME TO REV UP: RESOLVE AGAIN – NO PLASTIC BAGS!

For the past 6 years, the Res Green Team has suggested that parishioners “give up” single use plastic bags, along with embracing prayer, almsgiving and fasting. In Dubuque, this issue has recently been re-introduced for city council consideration, and is being reviewed in the Iowa legislature. While awaiting further state and city discussions, Res parishioners might wonder: "What's the fuss about those bags?"

- A continual litter problem, it takes 15 to 1000 years for plastic bags to break down in landfills
- One million seabirds and marine mammals die each year by ingesting plastic bag pieces

Concerned that you'll forget to BYOB (**B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **B**ags) into stores?

- Tie a green ribbon on your keychain as a reminder
- Have a point person (kids are great at this) to remind you to tote in your totes
- Store your cloth bags in your back seat, not your trunk. They are easier to notice for BYOB
- In store, you suddenly realize that you left your tote in car. Go back to retrieve! Green Teamers suggest that it takes two return trips to your car to retrieve your bag. After that, the habit is with you forever.



Good green luck!