



## Plastic Shopping Bags & Plastic Film

**Small Effort:** Eliminate use of plastic shopping bags and plastic film as much as you can.

### BIG IMPACT

Americans use over **100,000,000,000** (that's 100 billion) plastic shopping bags/year!!!

Average American family takes home



Bags are thrown away after an average use of



Average years to break down bags in landfill



**Only 1% are recycled!**

- 1. Reduce:** Reduce this waste first by using reusable, cloth shopping bags. You can purchase these from any store. If you have a hard time remembering to bring your bags into the store, tie a little piece of yarn on your steering wheel to help you remember. When possible, do not take a plastic shopping bag for only a few items.
- 2. Reuse:** Return your plastic shopping bags and plastic film to the retailer.
- 3. Stop pollution:** Plastic shopping bags break down with sunlight and they become microplastics which can pollute the environment.



**Local recycling locations accept grocery bags, solar salt bags, bread bags and Ziploc bags:**

**Hy-Vee (located inside)**  
900 East Main Street, Marshall, MN  
507-532-2247

**Walmart (blue box located in front entry of store)**  
1221 East Main Street, Marshall, MN  
507-532-9383



**Contact locations listed above for more information.**

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