

WALMART REDUCES WASTE WITH SALE OF REUSABLE BAGS

Reusable bag option for customers to help reduce the need for plastic bags

At Walmart, we believe that being an efficient and profitable business goes hand-in-hand with being a good steward of the environment. One of Walmart's company-wide sustainability goals is to generate zero-net waste. By offering our customers the option to bring their groceries and purchases home in reusable bags, we are reducing the amount of plastic we use and the amount of waste that ends up in the homes of our customers.

Bag Facts

- In October 2007, Walmart began selling reusable bags in all of our Walmart stores and Neighborhood Markets for \$1 each.
- In October 2008, Sam's Club began selling a reusable tote in all of its U.S. locations for \$2.72 for two totes.
- In November, 2008, Walmart began offering customers a new blue reusable bag option for 50 cents each.
- Since the launch of reusable bags in 2007, Walmart estimates it has sold enough reusable bags in the U.S. to eliminate the need for more than one billion disposable plastic bags.
- Walmart offers reusable bags in its global markets, including Brazil, Canada, Central America, Chile, China, Japan, Mexico, and the United Kingdom.

As part of our commitment announced at the Clinton Global Initiative in September 2008, Walmart plans to reduce our global plastic shopping bag waste by an average of 33 percent per store by 2013. To help reach our U.S. goal of a 25 percent reduction, we are increasing the availability and affordability of reusable bags in our U.S. stores.

- The blue bags are made from non-woven polypropylene and contain 30 percent recycled content. Each blue bag will hold merchandise weighing up to 22 pounds, and has the potential to eliminate the need for up to 50 disposable bags over its one-year estimated lifetime.
- The Sam's Club reusable tote is made from polypropylene. Each tote is capable of holding more than 50 pounds. Sam's Club estimates the totes could remove 1.9 million pounds of cardboard and package waste or more than 3,200 pounds per club, per year. This translates into approximately 1,800 more recycled material bales per year.
- When any of our reusable bags wear out, members and customers can return them to their local Walmart store or Sam's Club for recycling. We will combine the worn bags with the rest of the used plastic generated by our stores into our super sandwich balers, where it will be bundled and sent to a certified recycler for processing. So far, we estimate that we've **redirected more than 97 million pounds of plastic from landfills.**

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