

Kaua'i County Plastic Bag Reduction Law

The County of Kaua'i has adopted a new law that goes into effect on January 11, 2011. The purpose of the legislation is to reduce the significant impacts of plastic checkout bags on the environment. The law requires businesses to provide ONLY recyclable paper or reusable bags to their customers and all bags distributed must comply with the law's definition of these bag types. Paper bags must contain a minimum of 40% post consumer content, contain no old growth fiber, and be printed with the words "recyclable" and "reusable". For more information on the law, log into www.kauai.gov/bagordinance

The ordinance encourages customers to bring their own reusable bags while shopping and does not preclude retailers from offering checkout bags for sale to those customers who do not bring their own bags.

**Bring your own reusable
shopping bags to the store!!**

**REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS HOLD MORE THAN TWICE THE WEIGHT
AND VOLUME OF AN AVERAGE PLASTIC BAG!**



DID YOU KNOW...

Somewhere between 500 billion and a trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year. In the United States, we use 30 billion plastic grocery bags, requiring 12 million barrels of oil.

Every year BILLIONS of bags end up in US landfills.

Eliminating plastic bags will reduce trash, roadside litter, and protect marine life.

