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Plastic Bags Should be Banned

Plastic bag harm has been discussed for years, and a proper solution that works has not been presented nor implemented. Plastic bags start in stores as useful items, but end up in the environment as harmful items. Fees and bans have been tried before, but have never fully succeeded. A solution must be found, and the only way to do that is to ban plastic bags of all sorts, and start a fresh, clean start. Plastic bags should be banned for once and for all!

Imagine life without plastic bags: seems hard and pricey? But, is it worth the harm to the environment? Plastic bag scrap is among the top 12 items found on the sea coasts in the world. A lot of the plastic bags that are thrown away end up in the ocean. Scientists have discovered that sea creatures get stuck in the plastic, get hurt, and even worse, die (Jacobsen). That means that those lovely turtles that everyone loves die because of someone's carelessness.

The environment was a clean place, but humans have been ruining it and making it dirty for years. Studies have shown that plastic bags take more than 300 years to decompose. Even if the plastic was able to break down, it would still make the soil and water toxic. The oceans are becoming toxic for the sea creatures, and the soil is becoming toxic for the plants (Jacobsen). Plants and animals are getting exposed to toxic material due to the use of plastic bags and other plastics.

Some will argue that plastic bags are recyclable, and people reuse them. However, plastic bags are harmful and should be banned. Also, most people do not recycle, and a lot of plastic

bags do not get reused. Based on studies conducted in the past years, most plastic bags only get used twice. Once as a grocery bag, and once as a trash bag. Moreover, most people don't recycle because it is time consuming, and it is costly. Finally, many states don't even offer recycling for plastic bags (National Geographic Society).

It is your duty to act. It is your responsibility and your choice. What will you do; will you be part of this eco-friendly movement or not? In conclusion, plastic bags should be banned for a better society, better environment, and better future.

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