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Bag It: Shop the Rock Bag Reminders

Over 3 million single-use bags are distributed each year in Glen Rock; the BYO Bag initiative aims to reduce that by 25 percent

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[Editor's note: The following was sent by the Glen Rock Environmental Commission.]

It's been [two months since more than 2,000 the bright yellow reusable Shop the Rock/BYO Bag bags were distributed](#) and began appearing in Glen Rock stores.

To encourage shoppers to use these bags, the project sponsors are sharing these tips to help shoppers remember to bring their bags with them.

At home

- Write "Take bags" at the top of your shopping list.
- Clip the bag to your shopping list.
- Store your bags in the place you associate with shopping - by your purse or keys, or hanging from the door knob
- Keep a few extra bags in your car.
- Have an ample supply of reusable bags. Get a cute bag you like.
- Purchase a few compact reusable bags to keep in a purse, jacket pocket, or backpack, or attached to a keychain.
- Explain to your kids why you take back bags and put them in charge of helping you remember them.

At the store

- If you've left your bags in the car, walk back out of the store to get them.
- When you take a cart or basket, make sure you have a bag to put in it.

- Tell the clerk right away that you have your own bags and don't need one.
- Put the bags in front of or on top of your order or groceries on the conveyor belt, so that baggers and checkers notice them before they start bagging.
- As soon as you empty your bags, put them back in the car or wherever they belong so they're ready for the next shopping trip

The GREC urges all shoppers to make [reusable bags part of their shopping routine](#). Over 3 million single-use bags are distributed each year in Glen Rock. This initiative aims to reduce that by 25%.

Shop the Rock/BYO Bag is a joint initiative of the Glen Rock Environmental Commission, Chamber of Commerce, leading merchants and [Glen Rock Borough Council](#). It is funded by grants from Sustainable Jersey and Clean Air-Cool Planet.

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limabeau

8:34 am on Thursday, January 26, 2012

We all realize this is good for the environment....reusing bags or reusing towels in a hotel or recycling paper with our town but isn't this saving a lot of money to the companies. Right. Why aren't we seeing this reflected in the prices offered to us. My hotel bills are still high and the price of food isn't going down so big businesses are making larger profits off of us. Is guilt and shame our incentive

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Jennifer

10:02 am on Friday, January 27, 2012

The WholeFoods in our area is reducing the bill by 5 cents per bag you bring in. I think it varies from store to store, leaving a note at the customer desk might help them consider it. I would suggest you do the same at the hotel you are staying, Once the customers demand a reduction in price for choosing to be resourceful, they should respond in some way. Retailers also need to take the lead in encouraging their customers to getting the habit of using reusable bags. It is a start, there is so much more work to be done, think of all the excessive packaging, etc...

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limabeau

7:16 pm on Friday, January 27, 2012

Five cents....

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