



Help Protect the Marine Environment

***Bring Your Own Shopping Bags to Reduce the
Plastic Pollution that is Harming Our Oceans!***

Did you know?

- *Approx. 31 billion kilograms of plastic are dumped into the world's oceans annually.*
- *More than 1 million sea birds and 100,000 other marine animals die annually by ingesting plastic.*
- *Plastic bags can block drains and cause flooding.*
- *It requires approx. 1.5 million barrels of oil to manufacture the 10 billion plastic bags per used yearly by Canadians.*
- *Plastic bags can take hundreds of years to degrade.*
- *Several cities and countries already ban or tax plastic bags.*
- *Some retailers offer a rebate if you bring your own shopping bags.*

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