

Citizen Green

The purpose of this blog is to share ways to reduce consumption of plastic (especially single-use plastic) with friends and potential friends. Hopefully you will get ideas as well as give ideas. Please leave a comment!



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A DAY WITHOUT PLASTIC BAGS



We had our first Day Without Plastic Bags In West Lafayette this past Saturday! We had 4 locations and gave away about 1,800 reusable shopping bags. This was the first such event in our city. Shoppers were very glad to get the bags. I was pleased to see that many people already use reusable bags, really more than I expected.



We borrowed a Bag Monster costume from Chico Bags. If you do a Day Without Plastic Bags, I recommend that you contact [Chico Bags](#). It is a humorous way to get the point across without

brow beating people. Our Bag Monster was on local TV so many shoppers recognized the Monster. By the way, Chico Bags are great reusable bags, especially the compact ones that fold up into a little bag to fit in your pocket.



Even though it appears that this Bag Monster has made some friends, the Bag Monster is supposed to be the bad guy that does not decompose. It grows under people's sinks, it

finds its way to our waterways. This Bag Monster was always asking for the way to the Wabash River!



Not only did we give out factory-made bags, we also gave away bags made from t-shirts. Our local Jr. High School kids made 450 bags from t-shirts. We

sewed a little tag into the seam that said "Go Greener", the name of our organization. All the bags are different sizes and have different designs on them. The great thing is that they do not require any addition energy or resources than the original t-shirt.



All the volunteers had a great time. High School students are great volunteers because they are so

enthusiastic. Their energy rubs off on the adult volunteers. We will definitely do this again in the near future!

Posted by Citizen Green at 2:32 PM

Labels: Bag Monster, Chico Bags, reusable shopping bags, t-shirt bags

About Me



Citizen Green

I am a retired high school biology teacher. After 20 years of teaching I want to do something that benefits the environment. One of the ways that I have chosen to do that is to write this blog about reducing my use of single-use plastics. By writing this blog, I am educating myself and step by step, becoming a better inhabitant of my environment.

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Ways to Reduce Your Use of Plastic

10. Make your own spreadable butter and put it in a glass dish.
9. Dine out at restaurants that do not generate plastic waste.
8. Take snacks and meals on trips or to work (in reusable containers, of course).
7. Take your own coffee mug to the coffee shop or to work.
6. Use string or mesh bags for produce, avoiding plastic produce bags.
5. Make your own yogurt.
4. Use bar soap instead of liquid soap in a plastic bottle.
3. Be a conscious consumer. Do not get pulled in by clever marketing.
2. Avoid single-use plastic bottles. Carry your own water bottle.
1. Use reusable shopping bags.

Great Articles to Read

- [Plastic Ocean: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch](#)
- [Plastic is Drastic: World's Largest Landfill is in the Middle of the Ocean](#)
- [Trashed](#)