

## Reduce Plastic Bag Waste Action Ideas

### Spread Awareness

- Organize to get plastic bags banned! **Dress up** as the plastic bag monster and drum up support in your local community by standing on the corner and drawing attention to the issue like these folks did in North Bend, Washington.



- Go to any local stores in which consumers normally bring their goods home in plastic bags and help remind them **before** they enter the store to retrieve their bags from their cars!



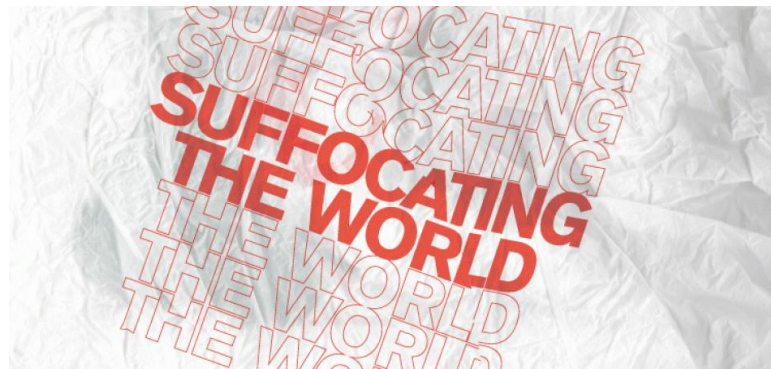
- Host a [small concert](#) and invite friends to **share songs** like these youth did in Beirut, Lebanon.



- Write a short **opinion piece** on why you think plastic bags should be banned in your community, and submit it to your favorite local blog and/or newspaper!
- Give a speech on why we need to reduce plastic bag waste, much like [Sarah Higginbotham](#) did in Oregon recently.



- Need ideas for a clever informational sign? Here you go!



### Reuse Plastic Bags

- Break out your crochet hooks and turn your grocery bags into a shoulder tote like this one from [lifehacker.com](http://lifehacker.com)!





- Create a **plastic bag mandala** in your community. Invite people to weave their own bags into it, and encourage those friends to use reusable bags and pledge to reduce bag waste!



- Create a plastic bag animal that is important to your locality like those in [Abu Dhabi](#) did.



- **Create plastic bag art**, like Pascale Marthine Tayou! Post a picture on [Facebook](#) of your best plastic-bag-art. You never know, it could be worthy of making it to the [Contemporary Art Museum](#) in Rome, like his did!





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- Host **craft activities** with your friends and fellow activists. These are great conversation starters!
  - **Coasters/Chairs/Gift Wraps**
    - How about a [quilted](#) plastic bag?
    - Proud of your sports team? Crafty? Make a reusable bag out of plastic bags- like [this one](#) for the Nationals- and we promise that it will withstand any beer spills!
    - Have a never ending plastic story? Craft a greener world, [here](#).
    - Make plastic bag [drinking coasters](#)
    - [Fuse](#) plastic bags together to make neat coin purses.
    - Sit down in a plastic bag [chair](#)
  - **Wreaths/bows/rugs**
    - Check out these plastic bag [wreaths](#)
    - Round plarn (plastic-yarn) [rug](#)
  - **Artwork**
    - Makezine has plenty of ideas for plastic bag [art](#)
    - These inflatable plastic [creatures](#) are cute, don't you think! Draw people in!
    - Plastic bag [bricks](#) could help make a statement
    - Seriously check [this](#) out. The artist is knitting a whole coral reef to highlight the "rubbish vortex" floating out in the Pacific.
    - Learn how to make plastic bag [mandalas](#)
  - **Clothing/Jewelry**
    - Sport some recycled plastic bag [bangles](#)
    - Learn more about spinning plastic bags [here](#)

### Share Resources

- **Videos:** Looking to learn more? To become inspired? Pushed to action? Check out these videos for educational purposes as well as to see awesome people saying no to plastic bags:
  - Host a **Bag It [screening](#)**
  - **Educational**
    - [Plastic bag/ Future States](#)
    - [The Bay vs. The Bag](#)
    - [Bag the Bag](#) (National Geographic)
    - [How it's Made, Plastic Bags](#)
    - [Plastic Seduction](#)
    - [The Animals Save the Planet- Romancing the Bag](#)
    - [Plastic Bag TVC](#)
    - [Even Elves Hate Plastic Bags](#)





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- [Bring your own Bag](#)
  - **Videos of those *in action***
    - San Diego Coast keeper: [Epic Volunteers Clean the Beach](#)
    - Henry Mattei [sings](#) about banning plastic bags
    - [FLASH MOB](#): Plastic State of Mind, Australia
- Don't Use Plastic Bags Anymore- [Godwin Junior High School](#)