

Plastic Bags without handles still generate plastic waste!

After the government budget of 2008-2009 all plastic bags from any type of shop were taxed by 18 Euro cents. Recently some shops started offering the more friendly bio-degradable ones but even these are taxed.

As a result of this tax on plastic bags more shoppers are taking their own bag with them. At the same time many of the shop owners stopped buying the actual plastic bags and are instead offering a plastic substitute without any handles. Therefore, a number of people are still using plastic. This is a problem in the area where I live in. It is also a pity that there are still children who take their lunches in such plastic bags without handles instead of in a lunch box. Then they throw the bag in the bin. This is repeated every day and this is very bad for the environment especially if the wind blows the plastic bags all over the place.



Plastic bags should be replaced with paper ones and they should be made from recycled paper.

Companies that recycle paper should manufacture and sell recycled paper bags. Part of the profit made, at least 20% of it, should go to activities to help children understand the danger there will be if we keep using non-renewable sources and how important it is for our planet to adopt a sustainable way of life.

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