

Let's Kick the Bag Habit!

Dear Oakview Parents,

Oakview's Earth Savers Club is trying to reduce the number of plastic bags used by Oakview families each year. Why? Because **they are harmful to the environment!** Most plastic bags in the United States get thrown into the landfill. Others trash the landscape when they end up as litter. About 100,000 dolphins, turtles, whales, and penguins die each year when they ingest this litter. **Using reusable bags saves energy, oil, money, and landfill space. It also reduces pollution and litter.**

Did you know?

- In the US, almost 100 billion plastic bags are thrown out each year.
- Plastic bags are made of petroleum.
- The following countries or cities will ban or have forbidden shops from distributing free plastic bags: San Francisco, 30 towns in Alaska, Ireland, China, Bangladesh, towns in South Africa, & Taiwan.



If you do not already use fabric grocery bags, we'd like to help you "Kick the Bag Habit" by giving you up to six FREE fabric shopping bags. You can get your free fabric bags by completing and returning the form below by **March 10th**.

If you already use fabric grocery bags, your family can get a free insulated grocery bag by writing an essay telling why you use fabric rather than plastic grocery bags. Please write the essay as a family and attach it to the form below. Return your well-written essay by **March 10th**. Bags will be given out on a first come, first-served basis. If you have questions or would like to assist the Earth Savers Club with this project, please contact Ms. Emmons at cemmons@greenville.k12.sc.us or Kathy Miller at kwMiller@greenville.k12.sc.us.

The Earth Savers Club and Advisors, Christina Emmons & Kathy Miller

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Directions to Receive up to 6 Free Fabric Grocery Bags

1. As a family, discuss how many plastic bags you think your family brings home from stores each month. Then write your estimate on the form below.
2. Keep a tally sheet in your purse or car and record the number of plastic bags your family actually brings home from stores each week.
3. Add up the actual number of bags and write the total on this form.
4. Return this form to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, March 10th**.



I estimate that my family brings home _____ plastic bags in 4 weeks (about a month).

Tallies of the Actual Number of Bags

	Total
Week 1: _____	_____
Week 2: _____	_____
Week 3: _____	_____
Week 4: _____	_____
Total number of bags my family brought home in 4 weeks	_____
Difference between my estimate and the actual amount	_____

Parent _____ Student & Teacher _____

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Dear Oakview Teachers and Staff,

Oakview's Earth Savers Club is trying to reduce the number of plastic bags used by Oakview families each year. We know that many of these plastic bags get recycled or reused, but most plastic bags in the United States get thrown in the landfill. Others mar the landscape when they end up as litter. Marine and terrestrial animals die each year when they ingest this litter. This hurts the environment and is very wasteful!

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If you do not already use fabric grocery bags, we'd like to help you "Kick the Bag Habit" by giving you four FREE fabric shopping bags. You can get your free fabric bags by completing and returning the form below by **March 10th**.

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1. As a family, discuss how many plastic bags you think your family brings home from stores each month. Then write your estimate on the form below.
2. Keep a tally sheet in your purse or car and record the number of plastic bags your family brings home from stores each week for 2 weeks.
3. Add up the actual number of bags, double it, and write the total on this form.
4. Return this form to Kathy Miller or Christina Emmons by **Wednesday, March 10th**.



I estimate that my family brings home _____ plastic bags in 4 weeks (about a month).

Tallies

Week 1: _____

Total

Week 2: _____

Total number of bags my family brought home in 2 weeks _____

Double the number above to get an estimate of the number of bags you bring home in a month. _____

Difference between my first estimate and the second estimate _____

Your Name _____