



# How to Keep Reusable Grocery Bags Clean and Safe



## BAMBOO OR HEMP

Made of biodegradable, natural fibers. Hand or machine wash (gentle cycle) with mild laundry detergent. Machine or line dry.

## COTTON

Made of biodegradable, natural fiber. Machine wash with hot water and laundry detergent. Machine or line dry.

## INSULATED BAGS

Insulated polyester fiber and coated thermal film keep foods/drinks cold or hot. Hand wash in warm water and soap or wipe with disinfecting or anti-bacterial wipes, especially along seams. Line dry.

## NYLON OR POLYESTER

A durable, petroleum product. Hand wash in warm water and soap. Turn inside out and line dry.

## WOVEN /NONWOVEN POLYPROPYLENE

A form of plastic that can be made from recycled plastic containers. Machine wash (gentle cycle with soap and cold water) or hand wash in soap and water. Line dry.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR REUSABLE BAGS COULD POSE A HEALTH RISK IF YOU DON'T USE THEM PROPERLY?**

## CLEAN

Wash bags after each use, following care instructions. Wipe insulated bags with a disinfecting or sanitizing cloth, especially along seams.

## SEPARATE

Use separate bags for raw meats, seafood and produce. Label bags to avoid any confusion. Keep bags for non-food items, like cleaners, separate from food bags.

## STORE

After washing, make sure your bags are dry before storing. Do not store bags in your car trunk. This is a dark, warm and often humid environment that promotes bacteria growth.

**WHEN IN DOUBT, WASH YOUR BAGS!**

