

# Get Drastic, Reduce Plastic

A project of several Cape Cod Unitarian Universalist congregations\* uniting to form

## Cape Environmental Action

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Single-Use Plastic Bags on average will survive longer than 8 generations of your Family

We  
Can  
Make a



Difference

BYOB  
Bring Your Own Bag

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Plastic bags make up 10% of the washed-up debris polluting our coastline.
- The average life span of a plastic bag is 700-1000 years.
- The average reusable bag eliminates one thousand single use bags.
- The United States uses sixty thousand single use plastic bags every 5 seconds and worldwide 102 billion are used annually.
- It takes about 12 million barrels of oil (or the equivalent in natural gas) to produce the number of bags used in the United States every year
- Today, 25% of the world's population lives in areas with bans or fees on plastic bags. Over 200 municipalities in the United States have banned or are in the process of banning single use plastic bags.