

Bags Opinion Cards

<p>Paper shopping bags are more environmentally friendly than plastic bags because they can be recycled.</p>	<p>Making paper bags uses more energy than making plastic bags.</p>
<p>It is difficult to reuse paper bags because they tend to tear and are not waterproof.</p>	<p>Thin plastic bags are very light and don't take up much space, so fewer lorries are needed to transport them.</p>
<p>Making paper bags uses four times more water than making plastic bags, and causes three times more greenhouse gases.</p>	<p>Most reusable shopping bags are made at least partly of plastic.</p>
<p>Stronger, heavier bags made to last longer, whatever materials they are made from, are less environmentally friendly because more energy and water are used to make them.</p>	<p>Some natural materials like cotton need a lot of pesticides and water to make them grow.</p>
<p>Making a charge for plastic shopping bags has made a big difference to how many are used.</p>	<p>The paper bags used in some shops are much more stylish than plastic bags.</p>
<p>Plastic bags can be recycled, but usually aren't.</p>	<p>Cotton bags have to be used 131 times to break even with conventional plastic shopping bags in terms of energy use.</p>
<p>Plastic is made from oil which is not a renewable resource.</p>	<p>Bags that are reusable are generally more comfortable to carry.</p>