

## Single Use Plastic

We have a friend who was working as a Walmart checkout clerk at the time we started harassing Oregonians by forcing them to pay for plastic bags.

For those of you who think reducing plastic use is worthwhile, your bill was a failure.

Our friend was able to calculate that - because the new bags were thicker and most people bought them - the bag ban *increased* plastic use in bags by a factor of 4!

The bill was supposed to encourage reusing bags. But our friend also found that at least 25% of the bags brought in for reuse were unsanitary, often obviously filthy, and a mess to deal with.

Her article about this is on your desk. It is another example of why laws should be kept to a minimum. All the changes to the laws you make affect real people – often hurting them.

The invention of single use plastic and paper containers has been a major advancement in sanitation and convenience.

We should be happy about this!

These containers also give us a chance to use the materials twice!

If we incinerate the containers, we could generate electricity while converting them into carbon dioxide. This enhances the growth of plants. So, we benefit in multiple ways.

Let's be thankful for single use containers. It is one of the many blessings provided to us by free enterprise.