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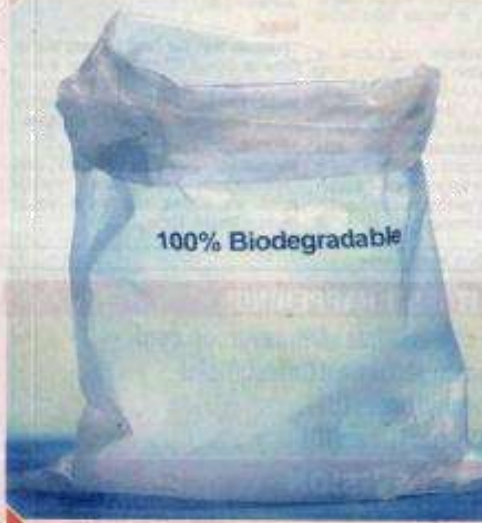
POSSIBLE WAYS TO KEEP PLASTIC OUTTA YOUR HOME

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The rally to do away with plastic is gaining momentum but many are confused

about its practicability. While the absolute banishment of the material seems impossible, at least in the near future, there are several areas in your daily life where you can

eliminate the use of the substance and instead use other viable options. Here are a few instances where you can replace plastic with sustainable alternatives...



CARRY BAGS

One of the most common uses of plastic is in the form of carry bags. Ubiquitous as grocery and shopping bags, these one-time-use bags are the leading pollutant and environmental hazard. Save the planet by exchanging them with paper and cloth bags which can be used for carrying light items, while heavy objects can be borne in canvas or jute bags. Many companies are now manufacturing bio-degradable bags that are made from plant extracts and you can order them directly from the companies. Some of the manufacturers in Tamil Nadu are Regeno, Biotec Bags and Ecolife, among others. These cost between ₹1 and ₹40. Paper bags are now being given out by many leading brand stores and some retail grocery stores such as Nilgiris. Organisations such as The Yellow Bag, Eco Mithra and Small Steps are propagating the use and sale of cloth bags, costing between ₹10 and ₹600. You can buy jute and canvas bags from Jute Emporium at Alwarpet, Jute Palace in Cholaimedu, Mathi Enterprises in Pallikarana, and Sree Sakthi Jute Bags at Mint Street, all ranging from ₹15 to ₹3,000.

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