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WHY PLASTIC BAGS ARE BETTER



Splinter- and crack-resistant plastic lumber (shown above) comes from recycled plastic bags, an in-demand commodity.



Recycling of plastic bags and film has increased 24 percent between 2005 and 2006, enough to build 1.5 million medium-sized decks.

Last year, *The ULS Report*, a newsletter devoted to conserving resources and reducing waste, reviewed data on the environmental impact of grocery bags. They found that plastic bags:

- * USE 70% LESS ENERGY TO PRODUCE THAN PAPER BAGS
- * GENERATE 80% LESS WASTE
- * TAKE 91% LESS ENERGY TO RECYCLE PER POUND
- * GENERATE 79% LESS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS THAN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS

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Many retailers have plastic bag collection programs. To find a plastic bag recycling program in your community, visit PLASTICBAGRECYCLING.ORG.