



PJ's Pets introduces 5-cent charge to help reduce environmental impact and raise funds for Earth Rangers.

Starting September 1st Ontario PJ's Pets will no longer provide complimentary plastic shopping bags at check-out in an effort to reduce our environmental impact.

A recent study indicates that retailers that charge a nominal fee for plastic shopping bags distribute almost 55% fewer bags than stores that provide them for free.

Plastic shopping bags will still be available at check out for a charge of 5 cents per bag. 100% of the funds raised from the sale of plastic shopping bags will be donated to Earth Rangers.

Earth Rangers is a non-profit organization that empowers kids to improve the health of the planet. Building on kids' natural connection to wildlife, its live shows and children's website EarthRangers.com motivate hundreds of thousands of kids each year to make realistic lifestyle changes.

5 Things you should know about plastic bags

- 1 Plastic bags cause over 100,000 sea turtle and other marine animal deaths every year when animals mistake them for food
- 2 The manufacture of plastic bags add tones of carbon emissions into the air annually
- 3 Between 500 billion and 1 trillion plastic bags are used worldwide each year
- 4 Approximately 60 - 100 million barrels of oil are required to make the world's plastic bags each year
- 5 Most plastic bags take over 400 years to biodegrade. Some figures indicate that plastic bags could take thousands of years to break down.

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