

Kids can be savvy about saving the planet, too

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As Americans celebrate the Earth next week, Earth Day activities will abound. Here's a simple way to do you own part in helping save our planet: Pick up one of those cloth, reusable tote bags at your grocery, drug or home-improvement store next time you shop. Keep it in your car and carry it inside the store to use.

According to "The New 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save the Earth," by the Earthworks Group, Americans use 40 billion grocery bags in just one year. That would take you 1,200 years just to count them all, according to the publication. What else can you do?

The next time you buy something small, save a bag and carry it out in your hand.

Make your own cloth bag. Log onto www.tipnut.com/35-reusablegrocery-bags-totesfree-patterns and choose from 35 free patterns.

Can't find a cloth bag you like? Check out cool ones, including one made of recycled juice boxes, at reusablebags.com/store/shopping-bags-kids-bags-c-2_45.html.

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