## Why use reusable bags?

\*How long does it take for plastic bags to decompose? A plastic bag can take from 15 to 1,000 years to break down, depending on the environment.

\*An estimated one million birds, 100,000 turtles, and countless other sea animals die each year from ingesting plastic.

\*The United States uses about 100 billion plastic bags per year, with the average person using between 350 and 500.

\*Plastic bags are made from petroleum products and natural gas, both are non-renewable resources, and their manufacturing helps to drive up gas prices.

\*It takes 12 million barrels of oil to produce plastic bags that the U.S. uses every year.

\*The average reusable bag has a lifespan equal to that of more than 700 disposable plastic bags.

\*One person using reusable bags over their lifetime would remove more than 22,000 plastic bags from the environment.

## How can you use your Smoky Row reusable bag?

*Groceries	*Shopping	*Overnight bag	*Swim clothes
*Sports equipment	*Craft bag	*Book Bag	*Pack a picnic
*Use for storage	*Laundry Bag	*Shoe Bag	*Organizing

We would love to see how you use your Smoky Row reusable bag! Post a picture of you using your reusable bag on Twitter @SmokyRow1 #SREGreenTeam - We can't wait to see your pictures!