

# CLEANING REUSABLE BAGS

Reusable bags are a sustainable alternative to plastic bags. However, they need proper care to prevent things like germs and mold from growing and cross-contaminating your food. Wash and store bags safely between each use. Here's how:



## CLEAN

Wash bags after each use, following care instructions. See the fabric care label or the table below for more details.

Wipe insulated bags with a disinfecting or sanitizing cloth, especially along the seams.

## SEPARATE

Use separate bags for raw meats, seafood and produce. Label bags to avoid confusion.

Keep bags for non-food items like cleaners, books, sports gear, etc. separate from food bags.

## STORE

After washing, make sure the bags are dry before storing.

Don't store your bags in your car trunk. This is a dark, warm and often humid environment that promotes bacteria growth.

Help prevent bag bacteria by storing your bags at home in a cool, dry environment where air can circulate.

## CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR REUSABLE BAGS



### Woven or Nonwoven Polypropylene

A form of plastic that can be made from recycled plastic containers. Machine wash (gentle cycle with soap and cold water) or hand wash in soap and water. Line dry.



### Nylon or Polyester

A durable, petroleum product. Hand wash in warm water and soap. Turn inside out and line dry.



### Bamboo or Hemp

Made of biodegradable, natural fibers. Hand or machine wash (gentle cycle) with mild laundry detergent. Machine or line dry.



### Cotton

Made of biodegradable, natural fiber. Machine wash with hot water and laundry detergent. Machine or line dry.



### Insulated Bags

Insulated polyester fiber and coated thermal film keep foods/drinks cold or hot. Hand wash in warm water and soap or wipe with disinfecting or anti-bacterial wipes, especially along seams. Line Dry.



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**Note:** Screen printing on some bags may bleed when washed. Wash with cold water for the first few washings.

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