



GROWING TOGETHER

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Get Ready... No more plastic bags!

Though not well publicized, most stores in Delaware will not be offering single use plastic bags after January 1. When you go to the grocery store, you'll either have to bring your own reusable bags or be provided paper bags. This regulation pertains to all stores over 7,000 square feet of retail space and chain stores with over 3,000 square feet total.

The majority of stores I spoke with will not pack your bags for you if you bring in your own reusable bag so you must pack your own bags yourself. I found the exception is **Food Lion** which will continue to pack your reusable bags for you.

The average Delawarean goes through 434 bags each year, bringing the total in the entire state to over half a billion. Last year, on Coastal Cleanup Day, volunteers picked up almost 1500 bags on that one day. All this glut contributes to fields strewn with plastic and has a negative impact on the environment - especially in streams and the bay.

Don't forget that we still have some re-usable bags available!



Make Your Home Smell Wonderful

The editors of the *Magnolia Journal* provide this yummy recipe for stovetop potpourri

INGREDIENTS

- 4 apples
- 3 oranges
- 5 cups water
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 1T cloves

OPTIONAL ADD-INS

- 2 pine sprigs
- 1 thick ginger slice
- 2 vanilla beans
- 1 whole hazelnut
- 1 lemon, cut into thick slices
- 1 Tbsp. peppermint extract

DIRECTIONS

- Cut apples and orange into large chunks or thick slices
- Pour water in a pot.
- Add apple and orange pieces, cinnamon sticks, cloves and optional add ins as desired.
- Simmer on low throughout the day, adding water as needed.

Do not leave the simmering pot unattended

Keep the mixture about three days without refrigeration; toss it after that.

Happy January Birthday!

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