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The A Climate to Thrive organization has many areas of focus. One of them is to REDUCE WASTE. It makes perfect sense for every homeowner to own bags they can use, and re-use, for grocery shopping, or other shopping trips. These bags could be cloth, or they could even be doubled brown paper bags with handles. Using these bags over and over reduces waste. And one thing we particularly don't need is MORE PLASTIC WASTE.

Our communities on Mount Desert Island all voted to reduce plastic waste by using reusable bags. Two benefits for the stores: (1) they don't have to keep purchasing tons of paper and plastic bags and (2) they can produce bags with their store name and logo to enhance their reputation.

What we DON'T NEED are more plastic bags in landfills or incinerators.