

Subject: Shopping at ALDI Just Got a Whole Lot More Sustainable



ALDI Customers,

At ALDI, we're raising the bar on sustainability without raising prices for you, our shoppers. To start the year off strong, I am proud to announce that [ALDI has become the first major U.S. retailer to eliminate plastic shopping bags from our more than 2,300 stores](#). This will save over 4,400 tons (nearly nine million pounds) of plastic from circulation each year. That's equivalent to 20 Lady Liberty statues! With this important change, we'd like to remind you to bring your own reusable bags whenever you shop at an ALDI store or purchase one of our exclusive reusable bags at checkout. Shopping with a reusable bag is a small but mighty way we can all support a healthier planet.

We also unveiled a **new industry-leading goal to transition to natural refrigerants across all U.S. stores by 2035**. Environmentally friendly refrigeration systems help keep our products fresh while limiting our impact on the planet. We already use environmentally friendly refrigerants in more than 600 stores, which has helped ALDI save nearly 60% of potential carbon emissions each year and earn recognition from the [EPA GreenChill program](#) for five consecutive years.

These and many more actions are what helped ALDI earn [recognition as a top sustainable grocer in 2023](#).^{*} As we continue to work hard to enhance our stores with eco-friendly features, rethink our packaging and support our communities, we are committed to making sure you feel good every time you shop our aisles all while saving money. Learn more about how we are making sustainability affordable in our [Annual Sustainability Progress Report](#).

We are proud of what we've accomplished together so far and we thank you for doing your part to help protect the planet and support the causes that matter most to our communities. There is more work to be done and we look forward to sharing our progress on this journey.

- Jason Hart, CEO, ALDI

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