



# PLASTIC BAG BAN

Effective February 1, 2014

## BANNED

Plastic shopping bags



## 5¢ FEE

Grocery-sized paper shopping bags



## ALLOWED

Small paper bags

Plastic bags for:

- Produce
- Bulk foods
- Meat
- Flowers
- Newspapers
- Dry cleaning
- Take-out food
- Door hangers



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Reusable bags



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## REGULATIONS

- All Shoreline retail stores are prohibited from providing customers with plastic carryout (shopping) bags, including those advertised as compostable, biodegradable, photodegradable or similar.
- Retail stores in Shoreline may provide customers with any size recyclable paper or reusable carryout bags; however, stores must charge a minimum of 5 cents for paper, grocery-sized, carryout bags or larger.
- The 5-cent charge for each paper bag is retained by stores. At their discretion, stores may also charge for smaller size paper bags or provide them free. All paper bag charges must be shown on customer receipts.
- Bags to which the 5-cent charge applies must contain at least 40 percent post-consumer recycled fiber and display the minimum recycled content on the outside of the bag. Use of recycled fiber and labeling is encouraged for all sizes of bags.
- Thicker plastic bags are considered to be reusable and may be provided free or charged for at the store's discretion.

## EXEMPTIONS

- Customers having vouchers or electronic benefit cards from state or federal food assistance programs are exempt from the minimum 5-cent charge for large recyclable paper bags.
- Plastic bags used in stores for bulk items or to protect vegetables, meat, fish and poultry, frozen foods, flowers, deli foods and similar where moisture would be a problem are exempt.
- Plastic bags for take-out orders from restaurants are allowed, though use of recyclable paper bags is encouraged.
- Dry-cleaner, newspaper, and door-hanger bags and plastic bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage bags or to contain pet waste, or approved compostable food and yard waste bags are exempt.

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