NO
Single-use Plastic Carry-out Bags

8¢ charge
Large Paper Carryout Bags
Made with 40% recycled content. Charges must be retained by the business.

8¢ charge
Thick Reusable Plastic Carryout Bags
Made with 20% recycled content and a minimum of 2.25 mil thick film. Charges must be retained by the business.

Other bags ALLOWED:
- Durable Reusable Bags
- Small Paper Bags
- Produce, Meat, Bulk Foods, Bakery Goods, etc.
- Flowers, Drycleaning, Newspaper Bags, etc.
Grocery and Retail Notes

- Stores may not provide customers with single-use plastic carryout bags.

- The bag ban applies to restaurants, grocery stores, retail stores, convenience stores, farmers markets, food trucks, temporary stores, and home delivery services. Food banks are exempt.

- If you have questions about whether your business must comply with this ban, please contact bagban@ecy.wa.gov.

- Stores must charge a minimum charge of 8 cents for large paper bags. (1/8 barrel paper bags 882 cubic inches or larger) and reusable plastic bags (2.25 mil or thicker).

- The large paper bags for which customers are charged must contain at least 40% postconsumer recycled content with the bag’s postconsumer recycled content printed on the outside of the bag.

- The reusable plastic film bags for which customers are charged must contain at least 20% postconsumer recycled content with the minimum percentage of postconsumer recycled content, the mil thickness, and the word “Reusable” printed on the outside of the bag.

- Stores may provide smaller paper bags. Charge is optional.

- The bag charge is a taxable retail sale and must be shown on a receipt provided to the customer. Stores must keep all revenue from bag charges.

- Stores may provide certified compostable carry-out bags. Charge is optional.

- Any green on brown tinted film bag must be compostable.

- Stores may not provide customers with bags with misleading labels such as “biodegradable,” “degradable,” “decomposable” or similar.

- Stores may provide customers with in-store plastic or compostable bags.

- Bags allowed for use by customers in stores include those used for bulk items, produce, meat, or other items such as: hardware, frozen foods, flowers and plants, unwrapped prepared foods, bakery goods, and prescription drugs.

- Individuals may report businesses that are not in compliance with the ban using an online form provided by Department of Ecology.

- Businesses may not charge the bag charge to customers using/showing a voucher or benefits card (SNAP, WIC, TANF, FAP).

Questions?
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