

California's Single Use Carryout Bag Ban

Senate Bill 270 (Proposition 67)



On November 8, 2016, California voters approved Proposition 67, the statewide Single-Use Carryout Bag Ban. As a result, Senate Bill 270 is now in effect.

Will there be a grace period before stores start charging for recycled paper bags and reusable grocery bags?

No. Proposition 67 passed and as of November 9, 2016 **all impacted stores are prohibited** to hand out single use carryout bags. Stores are now required to charge at least 10 cents for a recycled paper bag or reusable grocery bag.

What types of stores are affected?

Retail/Grocery Stores: Full-line, self-service retail stores with gross annual sales of at least \$2 million that sell a line of dry groceries, canned goods, or nonfood items, and some perishable items.

Retail Stores with a Pharmacy: Stores that have at least 10,000 square feet of retail space and a pharmacy that generate sales or use tax.

Convenience Stores, Food Marts, or Liquor Stores: Stores engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods, generally including milk, bread, soda, and snack foods, and that hold a Type 20 or Type 21 license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Volunteer Stores: Retail and restaurant establishments not included in this list that voluntarily agrees to comply with the requirements of the statute.

Are there single use bags NOT covered by SB 270?

Yes. Bags used by pharmacies for prescriptions; nonhandled bags used to contain unwrapped bulk food, produce, or placed over articles of clothing on a hanger.

Where can I get more information on SB 270?

Please visit CalRecycle's website at www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Plastics/CarryOutBags.

What is a Certified Reusable Grocery Bag?

SB 270 requires stores to **sell certified reusable bags** in order to ensure the durability and quality of reusable bags. Stores/public can verify certified reusable bag vendors at www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/ReusableBags.

Where can I get a reusable bag?

The City of Oceanside Zero Waste Team offers a variety of services and programs to help Oceanside implement sustainable practices. While supplies last residents can get a reusable bag **at a Green Oceanside booth** throughout the community. For outreach event locations visit www.greenoceanside.org. If you have any questions about SB 270 please email oceansiderecycles@ci.oceanside.ca.us.

How Can YOU Remember Your Reusable Bag?

1. Keep plenty of reusable bags in your car!
2. Hang reusable bags by the door so you remember to bring them with you.
3. If you keep a shopping list, write Reusable Bags at the top.
4. If you forget your bags in the car, place the items back in your cart and load them once you get to your car.



For more information, please visit: www.GreenOceanside.org



Single-Use Carryout Bag Ban Now In Effect!



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Stores are now prohibited from distributing single use plastic bags at the point of sale for the purpose of carrying out items. In addition, stores are required to charge at minimum 10 cents for single use paper bags and reusable bags. For detailed information please review California SB 270.

Carryout Bag Options

- ✗ Single Use Carryout Bags are now prohibited. This is a bag made of plastic, paper, or other material that is provided to a customer at the point of sale and is not recyclable or a reusable grocery bag.
- ✓ Recycled Paper Bags are made from a minimum of 20% recycled content and can be recycled at home in your blue cart. This bag is provided to the customer for a minimum charge of 10 cents.
- ✓ Reusable Bags must be at least 15 liters in volume and able to carry 22 pounds of merchandise over 175 feet for a minimum of 125 times. If the reusable bag is made from plastic material it shall be a minimum of 2.25 millimeters thick and made with a minimum of 20% recycled material. A customer may purchase a reusable bag during checkout for a minimum of 10 cents or bring their own bag for no charge.

Single Use Carryout Bags Prohibited



Recycled Paper Bags Minimum 10 Cents



Reusable Bags Minimum 10 Cents or BYOB



Who Must Charge for Bags

- Grocery Stores: Full-line, self-service retail stores with gross annual sales of at least \$2 million that sell a line of dry groceries, canned goods, or nonfood items, and some perishable items.
- Large Retail Stores with a Pharmacy: Stores that have at least 10,000 square feet of retail space and a pharmacy and that generate sales or use tax.
- Convenience Stores, Food Marts, or Liquor Stores: Stores engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods, generally including milk, bread, soda, and snack foods, and that hold a Type 20 or Type 21 license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
- Volunteer Stores: Retail establishments not included in this list that voluntarily agrees to comply with the requirements of the statute.

Exemptions

- Produce bags- a bag provided to contain an unwrapped food item
- Product bags-a nonhandled bag used to protect a purchased item from damaging or contaminating other purchased items
- Bags used to protect clothing on a hanger
- Stores are required to provide a reusable grocery bag or recycled paper bag to customers using a welfare payment card, voucher, or benefit transfer card

Have Questions?

The City of Oceanside's Zero Waste team is here to help businesses and customers comply with SB 270.

Please email oceansiderecycles@ci.oceanside.ca.us with any questions.



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