

BAG REQUIREMENTS

Reusable Bag Ordinance Starts April 22, 2013



PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS SPECIFICATIONS

Made from minimum 40% post-consumer recycled content

May not contain old growth tree fiber

Must be 100% recyclable (no plastic handles)

Must have printed on outside of bag in a highly visible manner:

- the words "Reusable" and "Recyclable"
- Percentage of postconsumer recycled content (minimum 40%)*
- Name and location of manufacturer*

* This information may be printed in gusset or bottom; and the words "post-consumer recycled content" may be abbreviated as "PCR".



REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAGS SPECIFICATIONS

Made from cloth or other machine-washable fabric with handles OR

Durable plastic bag with handles at least 2.25 mil thick and specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse

A garment bag for clothing meets the above criteria even if no handles

PROTECTIVE BAGS SPECIFICATIONS

No handles

Used to transport food and goods within store to cashier (vegetables or bulk nails)

Used to hold prescription medication dispensed from a pharmacy

Not for over the counter medicines in a drugstore or at a hospital pharmacy

Used to segregate food or goods that could damage or contaminate other food or goods when placed together in a carryout bag (greeting cards, silk fabric)

Not for use as a carryout bag unless the only good is a bulk food or good (beads, nails)

Donate your old supplies of plastic carryout bags to food pantries or non-profit thrift stores such as the Mountain View Community Services Agency, Second Harvest, or Goodwill

Old plastic carryout bags may be used as protective bags *if handles removed*

