

Ban on Single-Use Carryout Bags (SB 270 / Proposition 67)

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What are the requirements of the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ban?

- Most grocery stores, convenience stores, liquor stores, and large retail stores that have pharmacies or sell perishable food may <u>not</u> provide their customers with single-use carryout bags.
- Stores may provide customers with certified reusable grocery bags or recycled paper bags that meet the requirements of the bag ban law.
- Stores must charge at least 10 cents per reusable grocery bag or recycled paper bag.
- Stores must provide <u>free</u> reusable grocery bags or recycled paper bags to customers using EBT cards or WIC cards/vouchers to pay.

What qualifies as a recycled paper bag?

In general, a recycled paper bag must:

- Contain a minimum of 40 percent postconsumer recycled material
- Have printed on the bag the name of the manufacturer, the country where the bag was manufactured, and the percentage of postconsumer recycled content

What qualifies as a certified reusable grocery bag?

In general, a certified reusable grocery bag must:

- Have a handle and be designed for at least 125 uses
- Have a volume capacity of at least 15 liters (about 4 gallons)
- Be machine washable or capable of being cleaned and disinfected
- Be free of toxic materials
- If made from plastic film, contain a minimum of 20 percent postconsumer recycled material (40 percent after January 1, 2020)
- If made from fabric, be sewn and capable of carrying 22 pounds over a distance of 175 feet 125 times
- Have the manufacturer's name, country, and a statement that the bag is a reusable bag designed for at least 125 uses printed on the bag or on a tag, as well as recycling instructions if the bag is recyclable
- Be manufactured or distributed by a company listed on CalRecycle's <u>Certified Reusable Grocery Bag</u> <u>Producer</u> list

Please direct questions and complaints to: <u>https://oag.ca.gov/consumers</u> or (800) 952-5225 The above information is a summary only. Certain exceptions may apply. For more information on the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ban please visit: <u>http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Plastics/CarryoutBags</u>