

The Reusable Bag Ordinance is Expanding

Since May 1, 2017, ALL retail stores in Alameda County must comply with the ordinance.

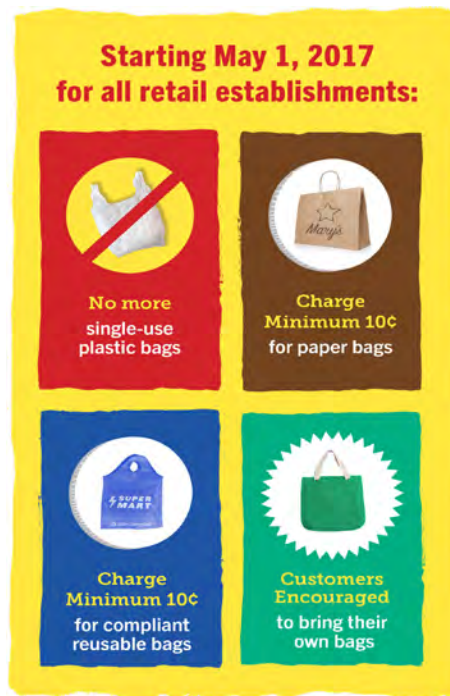
Since 2013, the Reusable Bag Ordinance has required certain retail stores, including grocery stores and convenience stores, to:

- Stop providing single use carryout bags
- Stock compliant reusable and paper bags at checkout
- Charge a minimum of 10 cents for compliant bags
- Itemize 10-cent charge on receipts

May 1, 2017 - the ordinance includes all retail stores that sell perishable or nonperishable goods.

November 1, 2017 - Restaurants and take-out food establishments will need to comply with the ordinance.

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



Why Have the Reusable Bag Ordinance?

- Plastic bags are one of the most common litter items found in our waterways.
- Plastic pollution is a growing threat to oceans and marine life.
- Plastic bags take hundreds of years to break down/decompose.
- Shopping with reusable bags helps reduce litter, protects our creeks and the bay, and conserves natural resources.

Since 2013, there has been a 44% decrease in plastic bags found in County storm drains!

Did You Know?

Foodservice businesses in the City of Livermore are prohibited from using Styrofoam® takeout containers. Foodservice businesses may choose reusable, recyclable, or compostable alternatives. Styrofoam® takeout containers are not recyclable and belong in your garbage.



Skip the Straw!

According to the Ocean Conservancy, if 25,000 people choose to “skip the straw” every time they visit a restaurant, **5 million plastic straws will be kept out of our oceans and landfills in just one year.** If your business provides straws to staff or customers, consider ending that practice or switching to compostable paper straws.



Visit: rethinkdisposable.com for more program information and materials.

Smart Kitchen Initiative

The Smart Kitchen Initiative program helps mid- to high-volume food service operators in Alameda County measure and prevent pre-consumer food waste.

Participating kitchens can receive free:

- food waste tracking equipment.
- customized staff training.

Preventing food waste can:

- save money on food purchases.
- improve operations.

For more information, visit:

www.stopwaste.org/preventing-waste/smart-kitchen-initiative



Recycling Service Reminders

- Flatten and/or cut boxes to maximize space in your blue **Recyclables** cart or bin.
- Place recyclables directly into your blue **Recyclables** cart or bin. Do not use plastic liner bags. To recycle shredded paper, contain shreds in a paper bag or box to prevent pieces from blowing away during collection.

DO NOT MERGE SEPARATE YOUR TRASH



RECYCLABLES



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GARBAGE
Landfill
Last Resort!

Recycling is Mandatory in Alameda County

StopWaste offers companies and institutions in Alameda County free help to lower costs, increase efficiency, and protect the environment through recycling improvements. For more information to help your organization reduce costs and recycle more visit: www.stopwaste.org/recycling/businesses-institutions.

Livermore Sanitation offers:

- Free waste assessments
- Recycling training
- Food scraps collection containers
- Desk side recycling containers

Contact us at: www.LivermoreSanitation.com or 925-583-3517 for more information.



Holiday Service Schedule

Service will be provided as usual during the weeks of Independence Day and Labor Day.

Contact us:

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