

Reusable Bag Ordinance

Starting April 22, 2013

Starting Earth Day, April 22, 2013, customers will need to bring a reusable bag, or purchase a paper or reusable bag for a minimum of ten cents from retail stores in Mountain View. The intent of the ordinance is to reduce waste, litter, pollution and environmental impacts by using reusable bags instead of plastic and paper bags.

- Applies to all retail and grocery stores, except for restaurants, coffee shops, non-profit charitable reusers (thrift shops/food pantry).
- Single-use plastic carryout bags are banned starting April 22, 2013.
- Bring a reusable bag when shopping to avoid 10 cent per bag charge.
- Remember reusable bags by keeping bags by the front door, near keys, in the car, or attach your shopping list to a bag.
- Protective bags, without handles, may be provided free for meat, produce, prescription medication, live fish, bulk food, bulk beads, or hardware items.
- Customers paying with WIC, CalFresh, SNAP or food stamp cards are exempt from paper bag charges. Show coupons or cards to cashier before bagging begins.

