

2020 OREGON BAG BAN



The Oregon Bag Ban took effect on January 1, 2020

- Do NOT offer ANY single-use checkout bags to customers, they are effectively banned as of January 1, 2020.
- Retail stores: Do NOT offer checkout bags to customers free-of-charge unless they are customers using a WIC voucher or an EBT card issued by the Department of Human Services. allows recycled paper and reusable checkout bags to be provided at no cost to participants of these programs.
- If a customer has forgotten to bring their own reusable bags, offer that recycled paper bags are available free-of-charge (if you're a restaurant) or for a modest fee (if you're a retail store)
- Explain that the fee is not a tax, and goes directly back to the business to help cover expenses in transitioning to recycled and reusable bags.
- Be prepared to explain that you are required by law to charge fees for checkout bags and the reasoning behind the single-use checkout bag ban.
- Recommended checkout engagement:
"Do you need to buy a bag with your purchase today?"

DEFINITIONS

- **Single-use Checkout Bag:** A bag made of paper, plastic, or other material that is provided to a customer at the time of checkout, and that does not meet the definition of recycled paper checkout bag, reusable fabric checkout bag, or reusable plastic checkout bag.
- **Reusable Plastic Checkout Bag:** A bag with handles, designed and manufactured to be used multiple times, and made of durable plastic that is at least 4 mils thick.
- **Reusable Fabric Checkout Bag:** A bag with handles, designed and manufactured to be used multiple times, and made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric.
- **Recycled Paper Checkout Bag:** A paper bag made of at least 40% post-consumer recycled fiber.