



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PLASTIC BAG BAN & PAPER BAG FEE

Starting January 1, 2024, according to Colorado law

**Plastic checkout bags are prohibited\* and paper checkout bags require a \$0.10 fee† at all large Colorado retailers.**

\* Retailers are allowed to use up remaining inventory of plastic checkout bags after January 1, 2024, until supplies are depleted or until June 1, 2024, for a \$0.10 fee per bag.

† If local ordinances call for higher fees or taxes for checkout bags, the fees will be consistent with the higher amount.



### For cashiers and baggers:

**When greeting customers** for whom you can't see whether they brought their own bags, then try asking,

*"Did you bring your bags today?"*

or

*"Do you need disposable bags today? They are \$0.10 each."*

**DO NOT CHARGE the bag fee for customers who receive state or federal food assistance.** They are exempt from bag fees.

**If a bag rips while packing items, do not charge customers for the damaged bag.**

**If wrapping an item in a bag to protect it from contaminating other items** (for example, meat or seafood), **DO NOT CHARGE** the customer for this bag.

**If double-bagging due to the heaviness of items in a bag, only charge for one bag.**

**Customers may request no bag,** and choose to just carry items out of the store in their hands or cart.

**Customers who bring their own bags are not charged a bag fee, including bringing their own previously used paper or plastic bags.** A fee is only charged for new bags. Any bag can be brought by a customer to a store for reuse, even previously used plastic or paper bags.

**Only CHECKOUT bags are charged a fee. DO NOT CHARGE FOR:**

- Bags provided to customers participating in a federal or state food assistance program
- Produce bags, bakery bags, or deli bags
- Bags used for food that could contaminate other items, such as frozen food, meat, seafood, etc.
- Bags used inside the store to package bulk items, or wrap frozen or fresh foods, flowers, or other items where dampness may be a problem
- Bags for prescription drugs

**Finally, be sure to thank customers who bring their own reusable bags!**