

Philadelphia's Plastic Bag Ban

Beginning October 1, 2021



Beginning October 1, 2021, Philadelphia retail establishments are prohibited by City law from providing single-use plastic bags and paper bags that do not meet specific requirements to customers for carryout or delivery. Plastic bags are one of the most littered items in Philadelphia. Shopping with reusable bags can help reduce waste and litter to keep our city's streets and waterways clean. Businesses will be required to hang signage to inform customers of the ban by July 31, 2021, and the prohibition of plastic bags and non-compliant paper bags will begin October 1, 2021. Find details about the ban and requirements for businesses on the other side of this flyer.

BANNED



Single-use
plastic bags

ALLOWED

Reusable bags made of
nylon, cotton, cloth,
polyester, woven plastic, or
another material designed
and manufactured for
multiple reuses



Paper bags made from at
least 40% post-consumer
recycled content



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