

## Helpful Tips

#### BRING A REUSABLE BAG TO THE STORE TO AVOID PAYING TEN (10) CENTS

- Place reusable bags by the door, near your car keys, in your car, or near your bicycle
- Jot down a reminder on your shopping list
- Put a reminder note on your refrigerator
- Keep some reusable bags at the office

### Be green and be safe...

Don't forget to wipe clean or wash your reusable bags.

Use a produce bag to prevent meats, poultry, seafood, or produce from coming directly in contact with other items in the bag to avoid potential risk of cross-contamination and foodborne illness.

"Glendale Recycles" reusable bags are available to purchase at the Public Works Administration Office; or at the Ginger Bremberg Integrated Waste Management Facility for 50 cents each (maximum of 10 bags).



## Information

For complete details about the Plastic Carryout Bag Ban Ordinance, please visit www.glendalepublicworks.com or call (818) 548-3900



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# Plastic Carryout Bag Ban ORDINANCE

Preserve the environment and bring a reusable bag every time you shop





Information on Ordinance

The City of Glendale has adopted an ordinance banning plastic carryout bags and imposing a ten (10) cent charge on recyclable paper carryout bags at supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience food stores, food marts, liquor stores, drug stores, pharmacies, farmer's markets, City sponsored events, events at City facilities, and any event held on City property.

#### **Effective Dates:**

• July I, 2013 - Plastic carryout bags will no longer be available at farmer's markets, larger grocers and food marts with gross annual sales of \$2,000,000 or more and stores of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space that have a licensed pharmacy.

• January I, 2014 - The smaller grocers, food markets, liquor stores, convenience stores, drug stores, pharmacies and vendors at City sponsored events, City facilities or City property must be in compliance.

Customers are encouraged to bring reusable bags, or they will be charged ten (10) cents for each recyclable paper carryout bag.





# Enforcement

If you believe that a store is unlawfully handing out plastic carryout bags or not charging for recyclable paper bags, please contact the Public Works Department at (818) 548-3900.

Staff will respond to complaints or alleged violations by conducting an inspection. Stores that fail to comply with the ordinance will initially be given a written warning notice. Stores will be fined for subsequent violations.



### Exceptions

Lightweight plastic produce bags or product bags without handles used exclusively to carry produce, meats, or other food items to the point of sale inside a store or to prevent such food items from coming into direct contact with other purchased items are exempt.

Customers participating either in "WIC" or "SNAP" are exempt from paying the ten (10) cent charge for recyclable paper carryout bags.

Local Farmer's Markets and vendors at any event held on City property, City facility, or City sponsored event may distribute recyclable paper carryout bags to customers free of charge.

Prescription bags that are opaque and used only for prescription drugs are exempt from the ten (10) cent charge.

Restaurants and other food providers, including fast food establishments that provide plastic carryout bags to customers for prepared take-out food intended for off-premises consumption are not affected by this ordinance.