

REFUSE SINGLE-USE BAGS

Single-use plastic bags are banned in the City of Carlsbad
(Carlsbad Municipal Code 6.24)

Reusable is best



Help promote a sustainable Carlsbad by encouraging customers to bring reusable bags.

Paper and compostable is okay



We can make a positive environmental impact by opting for paper and certified compostable bags. These items break down into nutrient rich compost to be used by the Carlsbad community.

Plastic is not allowed



Plastic bags don't break down in the landfill, cause harm to the environment and local wildlife, and pollute our creeks, lagoons and ocean.

Good for business, good for the environment

A good business practice is to incentivize reusable bags by rewarding customers with discounts or loyalty points when they bring their own bags. In addition, offering reusable bags with your business logo can enhance marketing efforts.

Be sure it's certified compostable

Greenwashing is a common practice where companies use misleading statements or packaging to make their products seem environmentally friendly when they are not. For this reason, purchase products certified by the two approved institutions: BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute) and/or CMA (Compost Manufacturing Alliance). This will ensure you are using true compostable bags.



Which businesses does this apply to?



Retail stores (clothing, electronics, home products, hardware, etc.)



A restaurant, café, coffee shop, fast-food restaurant, drive-through service, grocery store, supermarket, convenience store, delicatessen, cafeteria, farmers' market



Mobile food facility, mobile food vendor, catering operation, food truck



Hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts



Other (temporary food facilities, commissaries, etc.)

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