

CHECKOUT BAGS

FEES

Businesses are free to decide which types of checkout bags to offer, however can no longer provide plastic, compostable plastic, or non-recycled paper checkout bags.

If customers require a bag, they can only be offered according to the following fee schedule*:

Customer's own bag: Free

Recycled Paper Bag: \$0.75 each

Reusable Bag: \$2.75 each

** Minimum fees set by the bylaw;
Businesses may charge more.*

** Fees collected are kept by the
business.*

EXEMPTIONS

Single-use bags (plastic or paper) can still be provided free of charge to package the following:

- Loose bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grain or candy
- Loose small hardware items such as nails and bolts
- Frozen foods such as meat, poultry or fish, whether pre-packaged or not
- Flowers or potted plants
- Prepared foods or bakery goods that are not pre-packaged
- Transporting live fish
- Prescription drugs received from a pharmacy
- Clothing after professional laundering or dry cleaning
- or if the business deems a plastic or paper bag is required because of:
 - a customer's disability or medical reason
 - financial hardship to the customer

A reusable bag is defined as: A bag with handles that is for the purpose of transporting goods from a business and that is designed and manufactured to be capable of at least 100 multiple-time uses, and primarily made of washable fabric.

Recycled Paper Bags: Must contain at least 40% recycled paper content, and has a reference printed on the outside of the bag to the applicable amount of recycled content with the word "recyclable".

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