

# BAG it RIGHT

in Prince George's County



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**Effective January 1, 2024**, Prince George's County prohibits a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and, with certain exceptions\*, must charge and retain at least 10 cents for each paper carryout or reusable bag provided to a customer.

## WHY THE BAN?

To protect the environment, marine life and reduce litter.

## WHO IS AFFECTED?

All retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores, or any other establishment that provides single-use plastic bags to its customers as a result of the sale of a product, or service whether for-profit or not-for-profit.

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## What is allowed

**Stores and restaurants shall use/sell paper bags or reusable bags at a minimum 10-cent fee.**

"Reusable carryout bag" means a bag with stitched handles specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of: Cloth or other washable fabric; Or a durable material suitable for multiple re-use that is not made of plastic film.



## Exceptions

**Plastic bags used to:** Package bulk items, including fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items; Wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, whether prepackaged or not; Wrap flowers, potted plants, or other damp items; Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; Protect or contain garments or dry-cleaned clothes; protect suits, dresses, and formal wear; Take live fish, insects, mollusks, or crustaceans away from the retail store.

**Charge for paper bags used to:** Contain pharmacy prescriptions; Package prepared food provided at the drive-through window; and Provided by a full-service restaurant after a meal for leftovers.

## What's out?

**Single-use plastic bags**



**Plan Now. Start Bringing Your Reusable Bag When You Shop!**

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