

National Plastic Bag Ordinance Matrix by Jurisdiction

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San Jose, CA Adopted January 11, 2011 Effective January 1, 2012 Pop: 971,372 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding public eating establishments that receive 90% of their revenue from prepared foods and non-profit charitable reusers. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, and be designed for multiple reuse. • Minimum Store Charge: 10 cents on paper to increase to 25 on or after January 1, 2014 (to be kept by retailer). • Record keeping: Three years of paper bag purchase and sale records must be available to City officials during regular business hours. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants.

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Malibu, CA Adopted May 27, 2008 Effective December 27, 2008 Pop: 12,736 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all retail, food, vendor, non-profit, and city related services. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible. • Reusable bags must have handles, be designed for multiple reuse, be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Phase in: Grocery stores, food vendors, restaurants, pharmacies, and city facilities must comply on effective date of ordinance. Retail, commercial establishments, established vendors, and non-profits must comply with ordinance six months after effective ordinance date. • Fee: None. • Phase in: Any retail, food, vendor, etc that signed a pre-ordinance agreement for purchasing of plastic bags is allowed one more year for compliance. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags.
Westport, CT Adopted September 5, 2008 Effective March 19, 2009 Pop: 26,391 (2010)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profits. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, specifically designed for multiple reuse, be 2.5 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Fee: None.

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Marshall County, Iowa Adopted April, 2009 Pop: 40,980 (2011)	• Non-compostable plastic bag ban at all supermarkets in the unincorporated county.
Fairfax, CA Adopted November 4, 2008 Effective May, 2009 Pop: 7,520 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all stores, shops, and food vendors. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content and be 100% recyclable. • Reusable bag must have handles, be specifically designed for reuse, and made out of cloth and/or machine washable material. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: None.
Palo Alto, CA Adopted March 30, 2009 Effective September 18, 2009 Exploring ordinance update Pop: 65,412 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$2 million. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words recyclable printed on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be specifically designed for multiple reuse, be 2.5 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None. <u>Proposed update includes:</u> – Plastic bag ban at ALL retailers. – Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have 'recyclable' highly visible on bag, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. – Reusable bags must have handles, be capable of being cleaned/disinfected at least 100 times, meet standards of CA toxics in packaging prevention act, and have a minimum of 125 uses. – Exempt: protective bags, service bags. – Fee: 10 cents for paper, increases to 25 cents after 1 year of the ordinance. – Phase in: restaurants must comply with revised ordinance six months after other retailers

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Washington DC Adopted 2009 Effective January 1, 2010 Pop: 617,996 (2011)	• Carryout bag fee for paper and plastic bags at retail establishments. • Paper bags must be 100% recyclable, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, and must display "please recycle this bag" on the bag. • Plastic bags must be 100% recyclable (plastic #2 or #4), and must display "please recycle this bag" on the bag. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, paper bags used to take out food at restaurants with seating. • Fee: 5 cents for plastic or paper, 1 cent kept by retailer, 4 cents goes to environmental fund.
Edmonds, WA Adopted July 28, 2009 Effective August 27, 2010 Pop: 40,215 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding restaurants. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles and be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None.
Bethel, AK Adopted July 14, 2009 Effective September 1, 2010 Pop: 6,219 (2011)	• Non-biodegradable plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Biodegradable and compostable plastic must meet ASTM D6400 & D6868 standards. • Fee: None.
Brownsville, TX Adopted September 20, 2010 Effective January 1, 2011 Pop: 178,430 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all retail establishments. • Reusable bags must have handles, be at least 4 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, or a 65# basis weight (if paper) and be designed for multiple reuse. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: Up to \$1 if plastic is requested by consumer.
Maui County, HI Adopted August 25, 2008 Effective January 11, 2011 Pop: 156,674 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all businesses including non-profits. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words recyclable/reusable highly visible on bag. • Reusable bag must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, and made of durable material and/or washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags.

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Kaua'I County Adopted October 12, 2009 Effective January 11, 2011 Pop: 67,701 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must be designed for multiple reuse, and 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, biodegradable bags that biodegrade similar to leaves. • Fee: None.
Fort Stockton, TX Adopted August 24, 2010 Effective March 1, 2011 Pop: 8,404 (2011)	• Non-ASTM/non-recyclable plastic bag ban at all retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, and be 100% recyclable. • Reusable bags must be made of durable material suitable for reuse and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, BPI certified compostable, recyclable bags. • Fee: None. • Phase in: Voluntary bag ban started August 1, 2010.
Telluride, CO Adopted October 5, 2010 Effective March 1, 2011 Pop: 2,368 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments in excess of 2,000 sq ft that sells foodstuffs, household supplies, etc. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, and be 100% recyclable. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, retailers that do not fall under the above description. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (grocer keeps 5 cents, town keeps 5 cents). • Phase in: 10 cent fee on both paper and plastic between January 1, 2011 and March 1, 2011.

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Long Beach, CA Adopted June 3, 2011 Effective August 1, 2011 Pop: 465, 576 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments with gross annual sales of \$2 million that sells grocery items (e.g. canned goods), pharmacies 10,000 sq ft, (Effective August 1, 2011) and stores selling food products (e.g. milk, bread, soda) (Effective January 1, 2012). • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber , meet ASTM D6400 standards, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible on bag, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, have a minimum volume of 15 liters, have affixed on the bag no toxic heavy metals were used in production/manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (to be kept by the store) for the purpose of education/training related to the ordinance.
Los Angeles County Adopted November 16, 2010 Effective July 1, 2011 Pop: 9,889,056 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments with gross annual sales of \$2 million selling grocery items (e.g. canned good, etc), pharmacies 10,000 sq ft or above, and stores selling food products (e.g. milk, bread, soda). • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have the word "recyclable" highly visible on the bag, meet ASTM D6400 standards, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, have a minimum volume of 15 liters, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, not contain heavy metals in toxic amounts, contain a tag listing manufacturer name/location/statement the bag does not contain heavy metals and percent post-consumer recycled content. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer).

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Santa Monica, CA Adopted February 8, 2011 Effective September 1, 2011 Pop: 90,377 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all retail establishments and city facilities. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content (20% post-consumer recycled for 8 pound or smaller), be 100% recyclable, meet ASTM D6400 standards, and list percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be designed for reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, have a minimum volume of 15 liters, be 2.25 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, and must list on bag manufacturer name/location/%post-consumer recycled content & a statement saying the bag does not contain lead, cadmium, or other toxic metals as stated in state/federal packaging standards. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper.
Portland, OR Adopted July 21, 2011 Effective October 15, 2011 Pop: 593,820(2011)	• Plastic bag ban at 10k sq ft retailers and supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$2 million. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content and be 100% recyclable. • Reusable bags must have handles, be specifically designed for multiple reuse, and be 2.5 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None.
Santa Clara County, CA Adopted May 10, 2011 Effective January 1, 2012 Pop: 89,960 (2011) (unincorporated areas only)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profit organizations, social organizations, and public eating establishments that receive 90% of their revenue from prepared foods. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible on the bag, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Until December 31, 2012: Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, be designed for multiple reuse, and must not contain lead, cadmium, or other heavy metals in toxic amounts. • After December 31, 2012: Reusable bags must be designed for 100 uses, made from material that can be disinfected, have printed on the bag name/location of manufacturer/end-of-life management instructions and percent post-consumer recycled content. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 15 cents for paper bags (to be kept by retailer).

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Marin County, CA Adopted January 25, 2011 Effective January 1, 2012 Pop: 255,031 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments with gross annual sales of \$2 million that sells grocery items (e.g. canned goods), pharmacies 10,000 sq ft or above, and stores selling food products (e.g. milk, bread, soda). • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content (8# bags must contain 20% post-consumer recycled content), be 100% recyclable, have the word 'recyclable' highly visible on the bag, meet ASTM D6400 standards, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on the bag. • Reusable bags must not contain heavy metals in toxic amounts, must be made from material that can be cleaned/disinfected, and must be designed for multiple reuse. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 5 cents for paper. • Phase in: Store must charge for reusable bags after January 1, 2013 unless tied in with time-limited in-store promotion. • Ordinance only impacts unincorporated areas.
South Padre Island, TX Effective January 1, 2012 Pop: 2,871 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have 'reusable/recyclable' and/or chasing-arrows symbol highly visible on the bag. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None.
Chestertown, MD Adopted April 4, 2011 Effective January 19, 2012 Pop: 5,254 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profits. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and designed for multiple reuse. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Stores currently using compostable plastics bags may continue to do so if bags meet ASTM D6400 and D7081 standards. • Fee: None.

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East Hampton, NY Effective February 8, 2012 Pop: 1,087 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profits. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles and be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic). • Fee: None.
Calabasas, CA Adopted February 9, 2011 Effective March 9, 2012 Pop: 23,227 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at 10,000 sq ft retailers, foodstuff stores (convenience store, pharmacy, etc) and supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$2 million. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have the word 'recyclable' highly visible on the bag, meet ASTM D6400 standards, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic), a minimum volume of 15 liters, contain a tag listing manufacturer name/location/statement the bag does not contain heavy metals in toxic amounts/% post-consumer recycled content. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer).
Manhattan Beach, CA Adopted June 17, 2008 Effective April 14, 2012 (due to lawsuit) Pop: 35,391 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must be designed for multiple reuse, be made of durable material and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: None.
Aspen, CO Adopted October 17, 2011 Effective May 1, 2012 Pop: 6,642 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at grocers more than 3,500 sq ft, excludes farmer's markets, temporary vendors, and temporary fruits/vegetable/meat/dairy vendors, and if foodstuffs is less than 50% of the business. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 20 cents on paper, grocer keeps 5% up to \$1,000/month for first twelve months of effective date and \$100 thereafter. • Impacted: 2 grocery stores.

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Carbondale, CO Adopted October 25, 2011 Effective May 1, 2012 Pop: 25,960 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at grocers more than 3,500 sq ft, excludes farmer's markets, temporary vendors, and temporary fruits/vegetable/meat/dairy vendors, foodstuffs is less than 50% of the business. • Reusable bags must be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, carry a minimum of eighteen pounds, able to be disinfected, and have a minimum of 75 uses. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: 20 cents for paper, grocer keeps 25% up to \$1,000/month for first twelve months of effective date and \$100 thereafter (for use only in bag ban ordinance related activities, e.g. education, staff training).
Rye, NY Adopted December 2011 Effective May 7, 2012 Pop: 15,834 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profits. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must have a handle, and be at least 2.25 mil thick and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None.
Sunnyvale, CA Adopted December 13, 2011 Effective June 20, 2012 Pop: 142,287 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments 10k sq ft or above, grocery stores with gross annual sales of \$2 million, and stores that sell a specific line of foods (i.e. milk, bread, etc) excluding non-profits and restaurants. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, meet ASTM D6400 standards, have 'recyclable' highly visible on the bag, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on the bag. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, have a minimum volume of 15 liters, have a statement affixed on the bag that the bag contains no heavy metals in toxic amounts, be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, and list manufacturer name/location %post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper. • Phase in: to include retail of all size starting March 20, 2013.

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Monterey, CA Adopted December 6, 2011 Effective July 1, 2012 Pop: 28,246 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding restaurants that receive 90% of revenue from food prepared on premises, and non-profits that receive 50% revenue from donated goods. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have the words 'recyclable/reusable' and percent post-consumer recycled manufacturer name/location on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be specifically designed for multiple reuse, and be 2.5 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper, to increase to 25 cents 1 year after ordinance.
Pasadena, CA Effective July 1, 2012 Pop: 138,101 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments with gross annual sales of \$2 million that sells grocery items (e.g. canned goods), pharmacies 10,000 sq ft or above, stores selling food products (e.g. milk, bread, soda), and farmers' markets. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, meet ASTM D6400 standards, have the word 'recyclable' highly visible on the bag, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, have affixed a tag stating no toxic heavy metals were used in production/name & location of manufacturer and percent post-consumer recycled on bag, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (to be kept by store) for use in educational/training costs associated with ordinance.
Seattle, WA Adopted December 19, 2011 Effective July 1, 2012 Pop: 620,778 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments not including food banks and food assistance programs. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content and have the %post-consumer recycled content printed on the bag. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 5 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer).

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Ojai, CA Adopted April 10, 2012 Effective July 1, 2012 Pop: 7,537 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all retail establishments. • Paper Bags must be 100% recyclable. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, and be designed for multiple reuse. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper.
Bellingham, WA Adopted August 1, 2011 Effective July 25, 2012 Pop: 81,862 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all retail establishments excluding charitable reuser. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content (20% post-consumer recycled content for 8 pound bags or smaller), be 100% recyclable, meet ASTM D6400 standards, and state percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, and have a minimum of 125 uses. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 5 cents on paper (to be kept by retailer).
Solana Beach, CA Adopted May 9, 2012 Effective August 9, 2012 Pop: 13,060 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profit vendors. • Paper bags must meet ASTM D6400 standards, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be designed for reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, have a minimum volume of 15 liters, be 2.25 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, and must list on bag a statement saying the bag does not contain lead, cadmium, or other toxic metals as stated in state/federal packaging standards, manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer). • Phase in: Grocery stores & pharmacies must comply August 9, 2012; all other stores must comply November 9, 2012.

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Millbrae, CA Adopted February 14, 2012 Effective September 1, 2012 Pop: 21,793 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profit charitable reusers and prepared food vendors. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words recyclable/reusable highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, have a minimum volume of 15 liters, contain no toxic heavy metals, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper. • Reusable bag fee: Reusable bags may not be given free of charge to customers, unless during a time-limited store promotion.
Watsonville, CA Adopted April 24, 2012 Effective September 7, 2012 Pop: 51,589 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding restaurants. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content and be 100% recyclable. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper to be increased to 25 cents after 1 year of ordinance. • Reusable bag fee: reusable bags may be given out free of charge only during limited-duration promotional events.

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San Francisco, CA Update Adopted April 27, 2012 Update Effective October 1, 2012 Pop: 812,826 (2011)	<u>Original Ordinance</u> • Non-compostable plastic bag ban at pharmacies with at least 5 locations under the same ownership in San Francisco, and supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$2 million. • Compostable plastic bags must meet ASTM D6400 standards, display ASTM certification, use of renewable material maximized over time (DoE regulations), use of GMO product minimized over time (DoE Regulations), and display Green Cart Compostable/Reusable in a highly visible manner on the bag. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be specifically designed for multiple reuses, and be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants, all stores not defined in above ban language • Fee: 10 cents for paper or reusable. • Phase in: Pharmacies must comply with ordinance six months after stores. <u>Updated Ordinance</u> – Non-compostable plastic bag ban at all stores and food establishments. – Compostable plastic bags must meet ASTM D6400 standards, display ASTM certification recognized by third party independent verification (e.g. BPI certification), and must be labeled compostable on both sides. – Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have "recyclable" highly visible on bag as well as location/name of manufacturer and percent post-consumer recycled. – Reusable bags must have handles, be specifically designed for multiple reuses, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic), capable of being washed/disinfected 100 times, meet standards of California Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act, have a permanently affixed statement of name/location of manufacturer, percent post-consumer recycled, & statement the bag does not contain previously mentioned toxic substances, and have a minimum of 125 uses. – Exempt: protective bags, service bags. – Fee: 10 cents for paper or reusable bag, 10 cents for compostable plastic bags starting October 1, 2013. – Phase in: Restaurants and bakeries must comply by October 1, 2013.

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San Louis Obispo County, CA (including all cities) Adopted January 1, 2012 Effective October 2012 Pop: 45,525 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban retailers 10,000 sq ft or above, pharmacies, convenience food stores, and supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$2 million. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have the word “recyclable” highly visible on the bag, meet ASTM D6400 standards, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic), not contain lead/cadmium/state defined toxic heavy metals, contain a tag listing manufacturer name/location/statement the bag does not contain previously listed toxins/% post-consumer recycled content. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer). • 375 outlets included in ordinance.
Carpinteria, CA Adopted July 12, 2012 Effective October 22, 2012 Pop: 12,135 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at large retail establishments with \$5 million in annual gross retail sales to expand to all retail establishments on April 11, 2013. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content and be 100% recyclable. • Reusable bags must have handles, be designed for reuse, have 125 uses, be 2.25 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Phase in: Large retail establishments must comply on July 11, 2012; All other retail establishments must comply by April 11, 2013.
Bainbridge Island, WA Adopted April 11, 2012 Effective November 2012 Pop: 23,262 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments not including food banks and food assistance programs. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content and list percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Single-use plastic bag are not intended for reuse, less than 2.25 mils thick and/or labeled biodegradable/compostable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 5 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer).

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Ukiah, CA Adopted May 2, 2012 Effective December 2012 Pop: 16,023 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments with gross annual sales of \$3 million selling grocery items (e.g. canned good, etc) and pharmacies 10,000 sq ft or above. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and contain the name of the manufacturer and percent post-consumer recycled content printed on the bag. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer). • Reusable bag fee: After 18 months, a store must charge customers a fee equal to the cost of the reusable bag, unless during a time-limited in store promotion. • Phase in: After December 2013 all retail establishments must comply, except restaurants.
Fort Bragg, CA Adopted May, 2012 Effective December 10, 2012 Pop: 39,457 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at pharmacies 10k sq ft or above, grocery stores with gross annual sales of \$2 million, and stores that sell a specific line of foods (i.e. milk, read, etc) excluding non-profits and restaurants. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, recyclable/reusable must be printed on bag. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper. • Phase in: smaller stores will not have to comply until December 2013.
Barrington, RI Adopted October 1, 2012 Effective January 1, 2013 Pop: 16,310 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments and restaurants excluding non-profits. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have 'reusable/recyclable' or the chasing-arrows logo visible on bag in green lettering at least 1" in size. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic), and be designed for multiple reuse. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: None. • Ban expires January 31, 2015 unless renewed.

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Hawaii County Adopted January 17, 2012 Effective January 2013 Pop: 1,374,810 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profits. • Reusable bags must be designed for reuse and/or machine washable or made of paper specifically designed for reuse. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: None.
Laguna Beach, CA Adopted February 28, 2012 Effective January 1, 2013 Pop: 23,069 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments and city facilities. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have a handle, be specifically designed for multiple reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, have a minimum volume of 15 liters, state on the bag no toxic heavy metals were used in production, name/location of manufacturer and percent post-consumer recycled content, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper.
Homer City, AK Adopted August 27, 2012 Effective January 1, 2013 Pop: 1,698 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Reusable bags must designed for continual reuse and be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic). • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None.
Mendocino County, CA Adopted June 12, 2012 Effective January 2013 Pop: 87,553 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments with gross annual sales of \$3 million selling grocery items (e.g. canned good, etc) and pharmacies 10,000 sq ft or above, to expand to all stores after 18 months from effective date. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and contain the name of the manufacturer and percent post-consumer recycled content printed on the bag. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, contains no heavy metals in toxic amounts, have a minimum of 125 uses, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer). • Phase in: After December 2013 all stores must comply, excluding restaurants.

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Mukilteo, WA Adopted December, 2011 Effective January 1, 2013 Pop: 20,514 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all retail establishments excluding non-profit reusers. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fibers, contain 20% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and display recyclable/reusable or 100% post-consume resin on the outside of the bag. • Reusable bags must be 2.5 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • 100% post-industrial recycled plastic bags allowed, renewable compostable bags allowed (must meet ASTM D6400 standard). • Exempt: small checkout bags (less than 1 pt), protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None.
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA Adopted July 3, 2012 Effective February 2013 Pop: 3,787 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding public eating establishments that receive 90% revenue from food prepared on site and non-profits that receive 50% revenue from donated goods. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for reuse, and at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: None.
West Hollywood, CA Adopted August 21, 2012 Effective February 20, 2013 Pop: 34,650 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments 10,000 sq ft or above, to expand to all retail establishments after August 10, 2013. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, meet ASTM D6400 standards, have "recyclable" highly visible on the bag, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must be specifically designed for multiple reuse, have a minimum of 125 uses, have a minimum volume of 15 liters, state on the bag that there are no heavy metals in toxic amounts/%post-consumer recycled content, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: Farmers' markets, protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents (to be kept by store). • Phase in: Expands to all retail establishments after August 10, 2013.

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Austin, TX Adopted March 2, 2012 Effective March 1, 2013 Pop: 820,611 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban on all retail establishments excluding food banks and food assistance programs. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 4 mil thick & recyclable (if plastic) and/or machine washable, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible, be designed for multiple reuse (this includes recyclable paper bags with handles). • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None.
Issaquah, WA Adopted June 2012 Effective March 1, 2013 Pop: 31,037 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments not including food banks and food assistance programs. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 5 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer). • Phase in: Large retail establishments must comply on effective date, small retail establishments will be required to follow ordinance by March 1, 2014.
Corvallis, OR Adopted July 2, 2012 Effective January 1, 2013 Pop: 54,674 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding businesses where prepared foods are the primary revenue source. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and meet ASTM D6400 standards. • Reusable bags must be 2.4 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 5 cents for paper (to be kept by retailer). • Phase in: Retailers with 50 or less employees must comply by July 1, 2013.

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Dana Point, CA Adopted March 9, 2012 Effective April 1, 2013 Pop: 33,858 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have the words 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, have a minimum of 125 uses, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, a minimum volume of 15 liters, not contain lead/cadmium/state defined toxic heavy metals, contain a tag listing manufacturer name/location/statement the bag does not contain previously listed heavy metals/% post-consumer recycled content. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: None. • Phase In: Retail establishments with annual taxable sales of \$4 million must comply by April 1, 2013. All other retail establishments must comply by October 1, 2013.
Santa Cruz, CA Adopted July 24, 2012 Effective April 19, 2013 Pop: 60,342 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at all retail establishments, excluding restaurants. • Reusable bags must be designed for reuse, be 2.25 mils thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper, 25 cents for paper after first year. • Reusable bag fee: reusable bags may be offered for free only during time-limited in store promotions.
Davis, CA Proposed with effective date of January 1, 2013 Pop: 66,016 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at 10,000 sq ft retailers or above, convenience store/food marts, and supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$2 million. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content (20% post-consumer recycled content for 8 pound or smaller), be 100% recyclable, meet ASTM D6400 standards, and display percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be machine washable or easily disinfected, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic), not contain lead/cadmium/state defined toxic heavy metals, and have a minimum of 125 uses. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper or reusable bags (to be kept by retailer).

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Alameda County, CA (including all unincorporated and incorporated areas) Proposed with effective date of January 1, 2013 Pop: 1,529,875	• Cities: Albany, Berkley, Piedmont, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City. • Plastic bag ban at pharmacies 10k sq ft or above, grocery stores with gross annual sales of \$2 million, and stores that sell a specific line of foods (i.e. milk, bread, etc) excluding non-profit charitable reusers and restaurants. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, meet ASTM D6400 standards, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible on the bag, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable, be designed for multiple reuse, contain no lead/cadmium/state defined toxic heavy metals, have a permanently affixed statement of name/location of manufacturer, percent post-consumer recycled, & statement the bag does not contain previously mentioned toxic substances, and have a minimum of 125 uses. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper or a reusable bag to be increased to 25 cents on or after January 1, 2015 (increase will only occur if initial ban does not reduce impacts of single-use carryout bags). • Reusable bag fee: Reusable bags may be offered free of charge during time-limited promotions (90 days per calendar yet or less).
Eugene, OR Proposed with effective date of March 2013 Pop: 156,929 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and meet ASTM D6400 standards. • Reusable bags must have handles, be 2.25 mil thick (plastic) and/or machine washable, and designed for multiple reuse. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 5 cents for paper.

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San Mateo County, CA Drafting with effective date of April 23, 2013 Pop: 727,209 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profit charitable reuser and public eating establishments. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be specifically designed for reuse, and be 2.25 mils thick (plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper or reusable bags, increase of bag fee to 25 cents on or after January 1, 2015.
Honolulu Drafting with an effective date of July 1, 2015 Pop: 337,256 (2011)	• Non-biodegradable plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be designed for multiple reuse, and be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: None.
Boston, MA Drafting Pop: 625,087 (2011)	• Ban on non-biodegradable plastic bags at retail establishments 4,000 sq feet, retail pharmacies with at least 5 locations, and grocery stores with gross sales of \$1 million or more. • Plastic bags must be marine degradable and meet ASTM standards. • Reusable bags must be at least 2.25 mil thick (plastic) and/or machine washable. • Fee: None.
Huntington Beach, CA Drafting Pop: 192,888 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain 40% post-consumer recycled content and be 100% recyclable. • Reusable bags must be machine washable or easily disinfected, be 2.25 mil thick (if plastic), not contain lead/cadmium/state defined toxic heavy metals, and have a minimum of 125 uses. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: 10 cents for paper.
Los Angeles (City) Environmental Review/ Drafting Pop: 3,819,702 (2011)	• Impacts 7,500 stores. • Fee: 10 cents for paper.

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Mamaroneck , NY Drafting Pop: 19,067 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments excluding non-profits. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, and have the words 'recyclable/reusable' highly visible on the bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be designed for multiple reuse, and be at least 2.25 mil thick (if plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags. • Fee: None.
Mountain View, CA Drafting Pop: 75,235 (2011)	• Plastic bag ban at retail establishments. • Paper bags must contain no old growth fiber, contain 40% post-consumer recycled content, be 100% recyclable, have 'reusable/recyclable' highly visible on the bag, and list manufacturer name/location and percent post-consumer recycled content on bag. • Reusable bags must have handles, be specifically designed for reuse, and be 2.25 mils thick (plastic) and/or machine washable. • Exempt: protective bags, service bags, restaurants. • Fee: 10 cents for paper or reusable, to increase to 25 cents after January 1, 2015.
Windham, ME Drafting Pop: 17,001 (2011)	• Exploring bag ban options.
Boulder, CO Exploring Pop: 98,889 (2011)	• Exploring bag ban options.
Breckenridge, CO Exploring Pop: 4,537 (2011)	• Exploring bag ban options.
Brookline, Ma Exploring Pop: 57,107 (2011)	• Exploring bag ban options.
Cambridge, MA Exploring Pop: 106,038 (2011)	• Exploring banning plastic bags at large supermarkets and pharmacies.
Campbell, CA Exploring Pop: 39,349 (2011)	• Exploring bag ban options. • Part of San Mateo County's Bag Ban EIR.

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Chico, CA Exploring Pop: 86, 290 (2011)	Plastic bag ban at all retail establishments.
Corpus Christi, TX Exploring Pop: 307,953 (2011)	Exploring bag ban options.
Cupertino, CA Exploring Pop: 59,220 (2011)	- Plastic bag ban at all retail establishments. - Part of San Mateo County's Bag Ban EIR.
Dallas, TX Exploring Pop: 1,223,229 (2011)	Exploring bag ban options.
El Cerrito, CA Backs county-wide bag ban Pop: 23,934 (2011)	Supports Contra Costa County county-wide plastic bag ban.
Houston, TX Exploring Pop: 2,145,146 (2011)	Exploring bag ban options.
Los Altos, CA Exploring Pop: 28,976 (2011)	- Exploring bag ban options. - Part of San Mateo County's Bag Ban EIR.
Los Gatos, CA Exploring Pop: 29,413 (2011)	- Exploring bag ban options. - Part of San Mateo County's Bag Ban EIR.
Midland, TX Exploring Pop: 113,931 (2011)	Exploring bag ban options.
Milpitas, CA Exploring Pop: 66,790 (2011)	- Exploring bag ban options. - Part of San Mateo County's Bag Ban EIR.
Morgan Hill, CA Exploring Pop: 37,882 (2011)	- Exploring bag ban options. - Part of San Mateo County's Bag Ban EIR.

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Odessa, TX Exploring Pop: 102,106 (2011)	Exploring bag ban options.
Portland, ME Exploring Pop: 66,363 (2011)	Exploring bag ban options.
Santa Barabara, CA Exploring Pop: 89, 045 (2011)	Exploring bag ban at all retail establishments.
Snowmass, CO Exploring Pop: 2,826 (2011)	Exploring bag ban options.
Wilton, CT Exploring Pop: 18,062 (2011)	Exploring bag ban options.