

**PLEASE
BRING
YOUR
OWN
BAG**



Homer's Single Use Plastic Bag Ban Goes Into Effect January 1, 2020



What is going to change?

Starting January 1, businesses in the City of Homer, including but not limited to

- grocery stores
- general retail stores
- pharmacies
- restaurants and
- vendors at fairs and markets

will no longer be able to provide customers with single use plastic bags to carry their purchases.

What is a single-use plastic disposable shopping bag?

A bag made of plastic, less than 2.5 mils thick which is neither intended nor suitable for continuous reuse.

Are there penalties for violations?

The City will work with business owners and the public to achieve voluntary compliance; however, any business that violates the new rules after January 1, 2020 is subject to a fine.

Can stores give out paper bags, and can they charge for them?

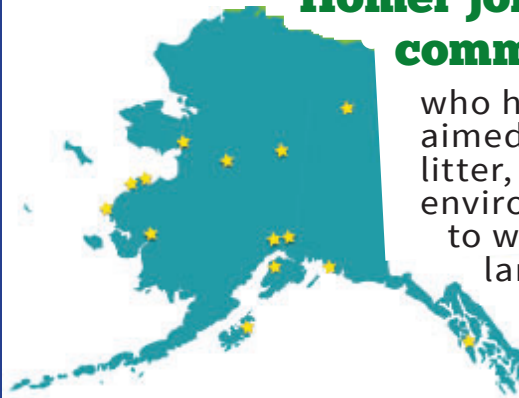
Yes, stores may choose to offer paper bags instead of plastic. The choice to offer a different type of bag or charge customers for bags is up to individual sellers.

Tip for remembering your reusable bags:

Put your reusable bags back in your car, your handbag or on a shelf near the door after you unpack them so you won't forget them.

In the 2019 General Election, Homer voters approved Prop 1, which prohibits single use plastic shopping bags.

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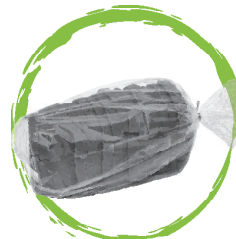


who have already enacted bans aimed at reducing plastic bag litter, which is harmful to the environment, poses a danger to wildlife, is a burden on the landfill and often clogs storm water drains.

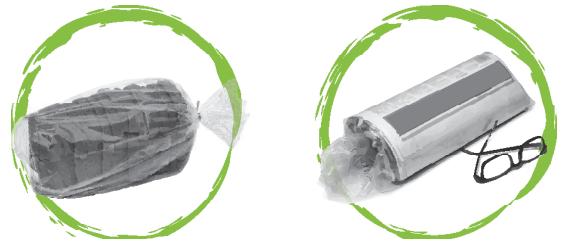
Are ALL plastic bags prohibited?

No. Several types of plastic bags are still allowed:

1 Bags used to contain dampness or leaks from items such as frozen foods, meat, or fish, flowers or potted plants.



2 Bags provided by pharmacists to contain prescription drugs.



4 Bags used to protect prepared foods or bakery goods.

5 Newspaper bags, laundry, or dry cleaning bags.

3 Bags used inside stores to package bulk items like fruit, nuts, grains, vegetables, candy, or nails, screws, nuts and bolts.



6 Garbage bags sold in packages and other similar bags for collection of pet or yard waste.



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