

AFFECTED STORES

The County ordinance only affects stores located in the Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Single use plastic carryout bags will no longer be provided starting July 1, 2011 at supermarkets and large retail stores with a pharmacy in the unincorporated areas.

Affected stores are defined as follows:

Large Stores - A full-line, self service retail store with gross annual sales of two million dollars, or more, that sells a line of dry grocery, canned goods, or non-food items and some perishable items; or a store of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space that generates sales or use tax pursuant to the Bradley Burns Uniform Local sales and Use Tax Law and that has a pharmacy licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.

On January 1, 2012, smaller grocery, convenience, and liquor stores; meat markets; and pharmacies will comply with the ordinance.

Small—A pharmacy or a grocery store, convenience store, food mart, or other store engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods that includes milk, bread, soda, and snack foods, including those stores with a Type 20 or 21 license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

For stores located in the Incorporated Cities, contact the city clerk's office to find out if they have adopted a similar ordinance.



For questions, call
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County of Los Angeles

Plastic and Paper Carryout Bag Ordinance



Help prevent litter, use a reusable bag whenever you go shopping!

Don't forget to routinely wash or wipe clean your reusable bags.

INFORMATION ON ORDINANCE

Effective Dates:

July 1, 2011 - Large Stores

January 1, 2012 - Small Stores

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has adopted an Ordinance banning single use plastic carryout bags at stores in the County Unincorporated Areas, while requiring those stores affected to charge 10 cents (\$0.10) for each paper bag provided to a customer.

The ordinance goes into effect on **July 1, 2011**, for “Large” stores; and on **January 1, 2012**, “Small” stores will be affected.

ENFORCEMENT

If you believe that a store is unlawfully handing out plastic bags (excluding produce bags) or not charging for paper bags, please contact the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works at 1 (888) CLEAN LA or report the incident by visiting: www.AboutTheBag.com.

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ATTENTION SHOPPERS

Plastic carryout bags will no longer be provided by stores.



When: *Large Stores/July 1, 2011*

Small Stores/January 1, 2012

Where: *Unincorporated Los Angeles County*

Why: *To protect the environment and help keep our communities clean*

Bring your reusable bags every time you shop to avoid paying 10 cents (\$0.10) for a paper bag.

IMPORTANT TIPS

- ✓ Remember to take your reusable bags whenever you go shopping.
- ✓ Place your reusable bags by the door, near your car keys, or with your store coupons.
- ✓ Jot a reminder down on your shopping list.
- ✓ Keep some reusable bags in your car, or near your bicycle.
- ✓ Put a reminder note on your refrigerator.
- ✓ Have some reusable bags at the office.
- ✓ Don't forget to routinely wash or wipe clean your reusable bags.

Be plastic bag free and help keep Los Angeles County clean and litter-free!