

PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE

STARTS IN KENMORE JANUARY 1, 2019



In 2018, City Council adopted a new plastic bag policy effective January 1, 2019 to encourage the use of reusable carryout bags in the City of Kenmore.

Retailers are not allowed to provide single-use plastic bags to customers at checkout and are required to charge a 5-cent fee for each recycled paper bag they supply to customers. The retailer keeps this fee.

EXEMPTIONS

Plastic bags can be used in stores to...

- Package bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, greeting cards or small hardware items such as nails, bolts or screws
- Contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish regardless of whether they are prepackaged
- Contain or wrap flowers, potted plants or other items where dampness may be a problem
- Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods
- Contain prescription drugs
- Protect a purchased item from damaging or contaminating other purchased items when placed in a recycled paper bag or reusable bag, such as prepared take-out foods or prepared liquids intended for consumption away from the retail establishment
- and*
- Newspaper bags, door-hanger bags, tire bags, laundry-dry cleaning bags or bags sold in packages containing multiple bags for uses such as food storage, garbage, pet waste or yard waste

Questions? Contact Bryan Hampson, bhampson@kenmorewa.gov, 425.398.8900.
To read the ordinance, check out kenmorewa.gov/plasticbags