**DENVER’S FEE ON DISPOSABLE BAGS**

*(Chapter 2, Article XX of the Denver Revised Municipal Code)*

**REMEMBER**

Ask all customers if they need a bag.

**CHARGE**

*All customers $0.10 for EVERY disposable paper bag provided at checkout.*

Federal and state Food Assistance Program purchases are exempt from the fee.

**NOT ALLOWED**

Plastic bags are banned in Colorado, effective June 1, 2024.

**THANK YOU**

For meeting the requirements of the Fee on Disposable Bags!

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**How should I determine if a customer needs a bag?**

If you can’t see whether a customer has brought their own bags, then try asking, “Did you bring your bags today?” or “Do you need disposable bags today? They are $0.10 each.”

**What if the paper or plastic bag that I provide a customer rips? Must I charge them for another one?**

No, accidents happen. You do not need to charge them for a torn bag.

**Do customers have to use any bags at all?**

No, customers may choose to just carry a few items out of the store in their hands or cart.

**Can customers reuse their own paper bags at checkout?**

Yes, a disposable bag fee is only charged the first time a bag is given to a customer. Any bag can be brought by a customer to a store for reuse, even disposable bags.

**Can we provide plastic bags to customers at all?**

No, plastic bags are banned in Colorado, effective June 1, 2024.

**Are there any bags for which I should not charge?**

Do not charge for:

- Bags provided to customers with proof of participation in a federal or state Food Assistance Program.
- Bags used inside the store to package bulk items; wrap frozen or fresh foods, flowers, or other items where dampness may be a problem; or contain prepared foods and bakery goods.
- Bags for prescription drugs.
- Reusable bags that customers bring into the store.