

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!



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.