

Dana Point's

Single-Use Plastic Carry-Out Bag Ban at a Glance DPMC 12-04

As a coastal city, Dana Point has a strong interest in protecting the ocean, local beaches and marine environment, which contribute to the unique quality of life enjoyed by the community. On February 21, 2012, the City Council voted to ban the distribution of single-use plastic carry-out bags at the point of sale within Dana Point (DPMC 12-04). The ban is intended to significantly reduce the environmental impacts related to single-use plastic bags and to promote a major shift towards the utilization of reusable bags for the purpose of carrying away goods. In our community, the impact to the marine environment is the primary concern that motivated the City's consideration of a policy to limit the distribution of single-use plastic bags. The City will continue to be guided by our goals and our commitment towards reducing and eliminating negative impacts in order to preserve our pristine coastline.



Dana Point is committed to protect and preserve our coastal environment

Frequently Asked Questions

When does the ordinance take effect?

The ordinance will take effect on a tiered basis for Affected Retail Establishments:

- April 1, 2013 for businesses with annual taxable sales exceeding \$4 million
- October 1, 2013 for all other businesses

Implementation of the single-use plastic bag ban will initially be based on gross annual taxable sales.

Single-use plastic bags contribute to increased litter (including storm drain, marine and beach pollution) that persists in the environment for decades.

Why did the City ban single-use plastic carry out bags?

Single-use plastic bags are intended for customers to carry their purchases from the point of sale. The thin, light duty plastic bag was intended for one-time use and designed to be disposable as opposed to reusable. Though plastic bags are recyclable, very few (less than 5%) of the estimated 19 billion bags used in California are actually recycled due to the logistics of sorting, high contamination rates and the lack of suitable markets for the recycled resin of the low quality plastic used to make the bags. Please visit www.danapoint.org to view documents related to the Ordinance.



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What stores must comply with this ordinance?

All Affected Retail Establishments include all grocery stores, convenience stores, mini-marts, liquor stores, drug stores, pharmacies, retail stores, vendors and non-profit vendor selling clothing and/or personal items.

Are there exemptions to the Single-Use Plastic Carry-Out Bag Ordinance? Yes.

The Ordinance does NOT prohibit the distribution of plastic product bags used for produce, unprepared meat and fish, bulk food, newspapers, dry-cleaning or animal pet waste. Restaurants and other providers of prepared take-out foods and liquids are also exempt from the Ordinance.

What are the penalties for non-compliance?

The first violation will result in a written warning that could be followed by fines ranging from \$100 to \$250 for additional violations.

What is the City of Dana Point's definition of a reusable bag?

"Reusable bag" means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and meets all of the following requirements:

1. Has a minimum lifetime of 125 uses, which for purposes of this subsection, means the capability of carrying a minimum of 22 pounds 125 times over a distance of at least 175 feet;
2. Has a minimum volume of 15 liters;
3. Is machine washable or is made from a material that can be cleaned or disinfected;
4. Does not contain lead, cadmium, or any other heavy metal in toxic amounts, as defined by applicable state and federal standards and regulations for packaging or reusable bags;
5. Has printed on the bag, or on a tag that is permanently affixed to the bag, the name of the manufacturer, the location (country) where the bag was manufactured, a statement that the bag does not contain lead, cadmium, or any other heavy metal in toxic amounts, and the percentage of postconsumer recycled material used, if any; and
6. If made of plastic, is a minimum of at least 2.25 mils thick.

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact Jennifer Anderson in Public Works & Engineering Services at (949) 248-3571 or janderson@danapoint.org.



Plastic bags less than 2.25 mil thick



40% post-consumer recycled content



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