

Bag Requirements



City of Burien PLASTIC BAG BAN



Information for
Business Owners
and Employees



Please follow these requirements when ordering bags for your business.

Carryout Paper Bags

Carryout paper bags provided to customers at point of sale must meet certain requirements including:

- Contain at least 40 percent post-consumer recycled fiber.
- Contain no old growth fiber.
- Be accepted for recycling in curbside programs in a majority of households.
- Be compostable, consistent with the specifications of the ASTM Standard D6400.
- Be labeled with the following information:
 1. minimum percentage of post-consumer content,
 2. manufacturer, and
 3. the word "recyclable."

These labels are required for all carryout paper bag sizes.

Compostable Bags

Carryout compostable bags must meet certain requirements including:

- Compost quality standards found under WAC 173-350-220 for metals, physical 1 parameters, pathogens, manufactured inert material, and other testing parameters set by the local Health Department.
- Degrades satisfactorily at the composting facility receiving the material.
- Standard specification compostability ASTM D6400.
- Certified as compostable by the Biodegradable Products Institute or similar national or international certification authority.

Reusable Bags

Reusable carryout bags must:

- Have handles.
- Be designed and manufactured for at least 125 uses.
- Capable of carrying 22 pounds a distance of 175 feet.
- Be made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric.



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