

# Bag Requirements



## City of Burien PLASTIC BAG BAN



**Information for  
Business Owners  
and Employees**



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**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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