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Ordinance Prohibiting Single Use Carryout Bags
An Ordinance Prohibiting Single-Use Carryout Bags

On January 16th, 2019 the Greenfield Town Council voted to adopt a ban on single use plastic bags. This ban takes effect on January 16th, 2020.

Retailers are prohibited from providing Single Use Carryout Bags to customers. Single use Carryout Bags are those made of plastic, paper, or other material provided by a Retail Establishment to a customer at the point of sale, and that is not a Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag. Bags provided by a pharmacy for prescription purchase, non-handled bag used to protect items from damage or contamination, bags to contain unwrapped food items, non-handled bags that are placed over articles of clothing on a hanger, or bags made of paper with dimensions less than 144 square inches on the largest side and weight of 35 pounds or less for purposes of transit are exempt.

Restaurants drawing 80% or more of their revenue from sale of prepared foods, liquor stores, bazaars operated by nonprofit organizations or religious institutions are exempt. Additionally, food pantries, soup kitchens, and other governmental and not-for-profit agencies that distribute food or other products to the needy free of charge are also exempt.

A full copy of this Ordinance is available on the Health Department website at <https://greenfield-ma.gov/p/24/Greenfield-Health-Department>