

Large grocery stores in Fort Collins will no longer provide plastic bags to carry out groceries starting on May 1. There will be a 10-cent charge / fee for each paper bag. Customers who are participants in local, state, and federal assistance programs will not have to pay the 10-cent paper bag fee. For more information, please visit *ourcity.fcgov.com/plastics*.





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Disposable Bag Ordinance Updates

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Today we will cover the following:

- . Council Work
- . Status of the Disposable Bag Ordinance
- . State Policy
- . Engagement
- . Questions





The Disposable Bag Ordinance will be updated to:

- Maintain timeline for bag changes for large grocers
- Adopt State's 10-cent fee per paper bag
- Adopt State's bag fee revenue 60-40 (City-grocer) split
- Maintain broad exemption for all income-qualified program recipients
- Allow further exemptions via administrative rule with Council notification
- Align definitions to State's policy
- Update and align other non-substantive elements of the local Ordinance



Fall 2021

 Grocery store and community engagement

Winter 2022

- Fulfillment for reusable bags
- Council work
- Continued engagement
- Communications/Outreach planning

Spring 2022

- Implementation
- Grocery store and community engagement
- Feedback

Summer/Fall 2022

- Continued support
- Preparation for State policy



Fort Collins	State
Impacts large grocers	Impacts all retailers
Starts May 1, 2022	Staggered implementation – 2023 and 2024
10-cents per paper bag	10-cents per paper bag
60-40 split (City-grocer)	60-40 split (City-grocer)
Bans plastic bags (immediate)	Bans plastic bags (phased)
Exempts all income-qualified program participants	Exempts Federal and State food assistance programs



Engagement Plans

- Over ten tabling events scheduled to engage community members on the Ordinance
- Two Service Agreements to distribute about 2,000 bags to 668 households
- Communications campaign to reach community members and those that shop in Fort Collins
 - Press releases
 - Newsletters
 - Ads throughout the community
 - Radio commercials
 - Social media promotion
- Feedback survey
- Future bag round-ups
- Continued engagement in preparation for the State policy





