

Maine's Plastic Bag Ban Begins July 1, 2021



The State of Maine will prohibit the distribution of single-use plastic carry-out bags, with limited exceptions.

- Retailers must charge a minimum five-cent (\$.05) fee on paper bags and reusable bags.
- Retailers in Maine include stores, restaurants, farmers' markets, food trucks, and fairs that sell merchandise like food, goods, products or clothing.
- Hunger relief organizations are the exception to this rule and may use single-use plastic bags to provide food to consumers at no cost.
- **Bring Your Own Bag** and do your part to protect the environment. DEP recommends you bring your own bag whenever and wherever you shop.
- You can bring any kind of bag, including single-use plastic film bags.



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