

BRING YOUR OWN SAC



EMPLOYEE TIPS: PREPARE FOR THE BAN

SAY "SO LONG" TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

To reduce litter and landfill, this store will no longer offer free plastic bags. Starting **July 1, 2016**, paper and reusable bags will be sold, not given away, to encourage reuse. Help Sacramento go greener by being a part of the reusable bag revolution!

COMMUNICATING WITH CUSTOMERS

-  Let customers know that single-use plastic bags are no longer available at checkout, and encourage them to bring reusable bags.
-  Let customers know if reusable bags will be available for purchase, and let them know which bag options your business is providing.
-  If customers ask why the County is doing this, explain that thin plastic bags are a major source of litter, take hundreds of years to degrade and harm the environment. By using reusable bags, we can significantly reduce the amount of waste that goes into area landfills.
-  Make sure customers understand that they are welcome and encouraged to bring any reusable bag with them to carry out items, even bags from other stores.
-  Let your customers know if your business offers discounts or incentives if they bring their own bags.
-  Refer customers to BYOS.SacCounty.net for more information.

TIPS FOR PACKING REUSABLE BAGS

- 1** Place heavy items in the bottom of the reusable bag first because heavy items have been known to squish other grocery items. Be sure not to place too many heavy items in any one bag.
- 2** Keep similar items together. It's best to place frozen items, produce, meat products and cleaning supplies in separate bags.
- 3** Larger items, such as a gallon of milk, laundry detergent, cereal and other boxed items, or items with handles might not require a bag at all.
- 4** Small purchases like gum, toothpaste, mints, etc., or purchases with only a few items might not require a bag.
- 5** Keep the size of reusable bags in mind. A thin plastic bag might hold only a couple of two-liter bottles, while a large reusable bag might hold four bottles.

