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Owner or Manager
[STORE NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY], CA [ZIP]

November 10, 2025

NEW BAG LAW STARTING JANUARY 1, 2026

Dear Store Owner or Manager,

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority, also known as StopWaste, amended its Reusable Bag Law to align with **California's new law, SB 1053, which bans all types of film plastic bags at checkout, effective January 1, 2026**. This law affects most stores selling food and/or alcohol, including grocery stores, retail stores with a pharmacy, convenience stores, food marts, and liquor stores.

Starting January 1, 2026, you must:



1. Stop using plastic bags at checkout.

Stores cannot distribute film plastic bags of **any type** at point of sale, including at the cash register, self-checkout kiosks, in-store pickup, curbside delivery, or home delivery. Use up your existing supply of plastic checkout bags before January 1, 2026.



2. Charge at least 10 cents for compliant paper bags.

If you sell paper bags at checkout, you must charge at least 10 cents per bag *and* itemize the charge on customer receipts. Compliant paper bags must contain at least 40% recycled content.

Suggestions to inform customers



- Place the enclosed card on January 1, 2026 in a prominent location, such as the cash register, where it is visible to customers. Need more signage? Email bags@stopwaste.org with how many you want and in which language(s): English, Spanish or Chinese.
- If you offer bags at checkout, ask customers: "Would you like to purchase a paper bag for 10 cents?"

Does this apply to your business?

- If your business does not distribute bags at checkout, no action is needed.
- Restaurants and retail stores that do not sell food or alcohol are not covered by SB 1053, and different bag rules apply. To learn more, visit ReusableBagsAC.org.

Questions?

Email bags@stopwaste.org or call (510) 891-6575 and leave a message for a callback.