



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE 10-CENT BAG FEE: TRAINING SHEET

Starting January 1, 2023, Colorado law*

Requires large retailers to charge a \$0.10 fee per paper and plastic checkout bag.

If local ordinances call for higher fees or taxes for checkout bags, the fees will be consistent with the higher amount.

Consumers are able to skip the fee by bringing their own REUSABLE BAGS.



For cashiers and baggers:

When greeting customers and you can't see whether they brought their own bags, then try asking,

"Did you bring your bags today?"

or

"Do you need disposable bags today? They are \$0.10 each."

DO NOT CHARGE the bag fee for customers who receive state or federal food assistance. They are exempt from bag fees.

If a bag rips while packing items, do not charge customers for the damaged bag.

If wrapping an item in a plastic bag to protect it from contaminating other items (for example, meat or seafood), **DO NOT CHARGE** the customer for this bag.

If double-bagging due to the heaviness of items in a bag, only charge for one bag.

Customers may request no bag, and choose to just carry items out of the store in their hands or cart.

Customers who bring their own bags are not charged a bag fee, including bringing their own previously used paper or plastic bags. A bag fee is only charged the first time a bag is given to a customer. Any bag can be brought by a customer to a store for reuse, even previously used plastic or paper bags.

Only plastic and paper CHECKOUT bags are charged a fee. DO NOT CHARGE FOR:

- Bags provided to customers participating in a federal or state food assistance program
- Produce bags, bakery bags, or deli bags
- Bags used for food that could contaminate other items, such as frozen food, meat, seafood, etc.
- Bags used inside the store to package bulk items, or wrap frozen or fresh foods, flowers, or other items where dampness may be a problem
- Bags for prescription drugs

Finally, be sure to thank customers who bring their own reusable bags!

*The State of Colorado's Plastic Pollution Reduction Act (House Bill 21-1162) was passed in 2021 to reduce and mitigate plastic pollution in Colorado.