



# 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.