



WOODS END NEWS

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PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT – STOCK UP ON REUSABLE BAGS



**CB-32-2023
BETTER BAG BILL**

BETTER BAG BILL LEGISLATION WAS ENACTED. THE MEASURE REDUCES THE DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS AND INCENTIVIZES THE USE OF REUSABLE BAGS BY PROHIBITING THE PROVISION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS AND REQUIRING RETAILERS TO CHARGE AT LEAST 10 CENTS PER BAG.

AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2023, A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT MAY NOT PROVIDE A PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAG TO A CUSTOMER.

- A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT SHALL CHARGE, COLLECT, AND RETAIN 10 CENTS FOR EACH PAPER CARRYOUT BAG AND REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAG THAT IT PROVIDES TO A CUSTOMER.
- THE CHARGE FOR PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS SHALL NOT APPLY TO A PAPER BAG CONTAINING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION PROVIDED BY A PHARMACY TO A CUSTOMER.



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

Protecting our environment is a People's Agenda priority. On June 20, 2023, the County Council enacted [Council Bill-032-2023](#), also known as the "Better Bag Bill," legislation reducing the distribution of single-use carryout bags and incentivizes the use of reusable bags by prohibiting the provision of single-use plastic carryout bags and requiring retailers to charge at least 10 cents for each per bag. **After December 31, 2023**, a retail establishment may not provide a plastic carryout bag to a customer.