



## City of Portland Shopping Bag Fee Effective April 15, 2015

Beginning this date, stores will be required to charge customers \$0.05 for plastic AND paper shopping bags distributed at the point of sale. The purpose of this policy is to reduce waste by encouraging shoppers to reuse bags.

The bag fee does not apply to:

- Cloth, plastic, nylon and other durable bags designed for multiple uses
- Paper and plastic shopping bags previously obtained by the shopper and brought to the store for reuse
- Bags used to contain bulk good such as produce, grains and other loose items prior to sale
- Bags used by clerks to wrap goods such as meat and cleaning products in order to prevent them from contaminating other goods

For more information, please visit <http://portlandmaine.gov/1451/green-packaging>

