

# Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance

~ Starts on September 1, 2012 ~

Millbrae Municipal Code, Chapter 6.05

The Millbrae City Council adopted an ordinance that prohibits the use of single-use carryout bags (thin plastic shopping bags) at stores to reduce litter, help wildlife and our environment, and encourage the use of reusable shopping bags.

Starting on September 1, 2012 stores can supply paper bags that contain a minimum of 40% post consumer recycled content and will charge a minimum of 10¢ per bag. The stores will keep the paper bag charge to help offset the cost of the paper bags and to encourage shoppers to bring their own reusable bags.

The City of Millbrae Recycling & Waste Prevention Program is distributing free reusable shopping bags, one per household, to help residents switch from using single-use shopping bags to reusable bags. You can pick up a reusable bag at the Public Works Counter in City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Learn more at [www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae](http://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae).

## Problems with Paper and Plastic Bags

- Millbrae shoppers use an estimated 7 million plastic bags every year.
- Plastic bags are among the top 5 items of debris most often found in coastal cleanups.
- When plastic bags end up as litter they look like food and can be ingested which harm or kill the wildlife that eat them.
- Every year approximately 4,000 trees are cut down to produce the estimated 2.8 million paper grocery bags used in Millbrae.

## Reuse and Recycle All of Your Shopping Bags

- Plastic bags can be reused and recycled.
- Clean plastic bags along with newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, toilet paper and paper towel plastic packaging, can be recycled at Trader Joe's, Safeway (temporarily closed for renovation), Lucky and Walgreen's. Go to [www.plasticbagrecycling.org](http://www.plasticbagrecycling.org) for more details.
- Paper bags can be reused and then recycled in your curbside recycling toter.

## Reusable Bag Tips

- To successfully reduce or eliminate single-use shopping bags, you will likely need more than one reusable bag. Many local stores sell inexpensive reusable bags.
- When you go to the store, make note of how many bags you generally use. Buy enough reusable bags so you won't have to pay for paper bags.
- Keep your bags in the car, laundry room, purse, backpack, at work or any other area that you will remember to take them to the store.
- Treat cloth bags the same as your clothing and wash them often.
- Wipe other bags with a sponge and mild soap to keep clean.



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# 一次性使用的外賣袋條例

~ 2012年9月1日開始執行~

## Millbrae 市政守則, 章節 6.05

Millbrae市議會通過了一項法令，為減少商場垃圾，禁止使用一次性外賣袋(塑料購物袋)，幫助野生動物和我們的環境，並鼓勵使用可重複使用的購物袋。

2012年9月1日開始，商店可以提供至少含40%回收再用材料的購物紙袋，每個購物紙袋將至少收取10美分。商店用收取的紙袋費來彌補購物紙袋的製造成本，並以此鼓勵消費者自己攜帶可重複使用的購物袋。

Millbrae市回收和廢物的預防計畫正在派發每戶一個免費可重複使用的購物袋，來幫助居民完成一次性使用購物袋到重複使用購物袋的過渡。週一至週五的上午8:30至下午5:00, 您可以在市政大堂的公眾服務臺，領取一個可重複使用的購物袋。詳情請上網查詢: [www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae](http://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/sustainablemillbrae).

### 使用購物紙袋和塑料袋的問題

- Millbrae市消費者估計每年使用7萬個塑料袋。
- 塑料袋是沿海清潔最常發現的前5種雜物碎片中的一種。
- 當塑料袋被當作垃圾丟棄時,它們看上去就象是食物,被野生動物誤食時會造成傷害或死亡。
- Millbrae市每年大約消費使用280萬個購物紙袋,為此需砍伐大約4千棵樹。

### 多次使用及回收您所有的購物袋

- 塑料袋是可以被重覆使用和回收的。
- 乾淨的塑料袋,報紙袋,乾洗袋,衛生紙及擦手紙的塑料包裝袋可被回收在:Trader Joe's, Safeway (目前暫時關閉以進行翻新重建工程), Lucky和Walgreen's。詳情請上網查詢: [www.plasticbagrecycling.org](http://www.plasticbagrecycling.org)
- 紙袋可以重複使用後再放進您路邊的回收桶裡。

### 重複使用袋子的小貼士

- 為了成功地減少使用或停止使用一次性購物袋,您可能需要一個以上可重複使用的購物袋,許多本地的商店,出售廉價的可重複使用的購物袋。
- 當你去商店,注意一下您通常需要使用幾個袋子。購買足夠可重複使用的購物袋,這樣您就無須付錢買購物紙袋。
- 放置重複使用的購物袋在汽車,洗衣房,手提包,雙肩背包,公司或其它您想得到的,會拿起袋子去購物的地方。
- 常常清洗布質購物袋如同您的衣服一樣。
- 其它質地的購物袋用海綿擦拭和使用溫和的肥皂清洗來保持清潔。



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