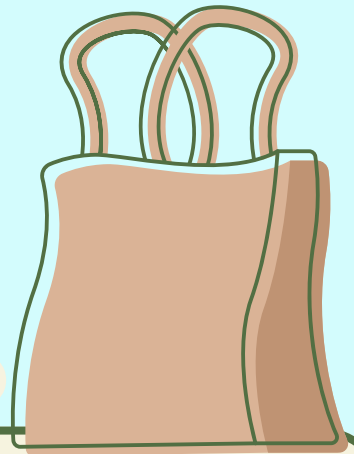


EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/1/23



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BRING YOUR OWN BAG

Save a few cents and help keep Albemarle beautiful.

In Albemarle County, we have a mandatory five-cent tax on each disposable plastic checkout bag. Remember to bring your own bag to avoid the bag tax.

Let's all do our part to reduce the number of plastic bags used in our community. Bring your own reusable bag that can be used over and over again.



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INFORMATION FOR CASHIERS

Remember to ask all customers if they need a bag.

Charge all customers \$0.05 for EACH disposable plastic bag provided at checkout.

FAQ

How should I determine if a customer needs a bag?

If you can't see whether a customer has brought their own bags, try asking, "Did you bring your bags today?" or "Do you need any disposable bags today? They are \$0.05 each."

Can customers reuse their own paper or plastic bags at checkout?

Yes, a disposable bag tax is only charged the first time a bag is given to a customer. Any bag can be brought into a store for reuse, even disposable plastic bags.

What if the paper or plastic bag that I provide a customer rips? Do I charge them for another one?

No, accidents happen! You do not need to charge them for a torn bag.

Do customers have to use any bags at all?

No, customers may choose to carry their purchases out of the store in their hands or cart.

Any bags we shouldn't charge for?

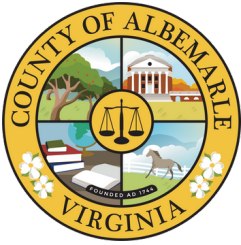
Don't charge for:

- Bags used inside the store to package bulk items; wrap frozen or fresh foods, flowers, or other items where dampness may be a problem; or contain prepared foods and bakery goods.
- Bags for prescription drugs.



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GUIDELINES FACT SHEET FOR RETAILERS' DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BAG TAX

On January 1, 2023, certain retail stores in Albemarle County, as defined by Virginia Code § 58.1-1745, will be required to charge \$0.05 per disposable plastic bag provided to customers at checkout.

The Virginia Disposable Plastic Bag Tax is meant to address the impacts and costs of disposable plastic bags in the community and encourage the use of reusable bags. For ordinance-specific provisions, please reference the Guidelines for The Virginia Disposable Plastic Bag Tax.

Here are some ways to ensure your store, employees, and customers are staying in compliance with the Virginia Disposable Plastic Bag Tax:

- Visit Albemarle.org/BringYourOwnBag to review the Disposable Plastic Bag Tax and the free retailer toolkit.
- Adjust your registers to track and charge for each disposable plastic bag provided at checkout. The Disposable Plastic Bag Tax requires that customer receipts include the number of disposable bags provided and the total amount of taxes charged for each bag type.
- Know which bags are exempt from the disposable bag tax, including thin plastic bags provided for bagging produce or meat, prescriptions, and prepackaged plastic bags.
- If planning to provide reusable bags to customers, place them near the checkout.
- Report monthly the number of disposable bags provided to customers per the Guidelines for the Virginia Disposable Plastic Bag Tax. Visit Tax.Virginia.gov for more information.

ALERT YOUR CUSTOMERS:

- Post signs reminding customers to bring their own bags on store doors, at checkout, and in the cart corral or parking lot. See included and at Albemarle.org/BringYourOwnBag for printable signs.
- Provide bag tax information to customers online and through print communications.
- Make daily in-store announcements.
- Verbally thank customers for bringing their own bags.

EDUCATE YOUR EMPLOYEES:

- Train cashiers and baggers on the Disposable Plastic Bag Tax.
- Designate a Disposable Plastic Bag Tax expert and employee trainer on your team to handle questions and train new cashiers and baggers as needed.
- Provide managers and cashiers with the Reminder & FAQ Sheet for Cashiers that can be found included at Albemarle.org/BringYourOwnBag. Hang it in the employee-only areas of the store.