

GET PREPARED

Here is a checklist other Colorado cities are sharing to help prepare you for these changes.

- Conduct a plastic audit** - Look through your inventory and write down all the types of single-use plastic/paper products you stock.
- Metrics** - Identify how many single-use items you go through per month or order cycle and calculate the costs to your business. There may be potential savings by switching to reusable items.
- Technology** - Update your cash registers, POS systems, etc. to include the non-taxable bag fee. This must be a separate line item.
- Identify low-hanging fruit** - What could easily be changed out for a reusable option, discontinued, incentivized, or made available upon request only?
- Review your list** - What else is left? Could these items be replaced with an environmentally friendly option?
- Place inventory orders differently** - Taper your ordering of single-use items to reflect the opportunities identified in the audit.
- Put up signs** - Help your customers understand changes in policy, opportunities to earn credits, and if certain items are only available upon request.



RESOURCES

READ HB21-1126 HERE:

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<https://tinyurl.com/veaxw9s7>

HELPFUL LINKS:

Management of Plastic Products:

<https://tinyurl.com/4n77m477>

Colorado Plastic Pollution Reduction Act Information

<https://tinyurl.com/4572mm3e>

Northern Colorado Spotlight Presentation: The Basics of the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act

<https://vimeo.com/667538658>

Plant Switch

<https://vimeo.com/667538658>



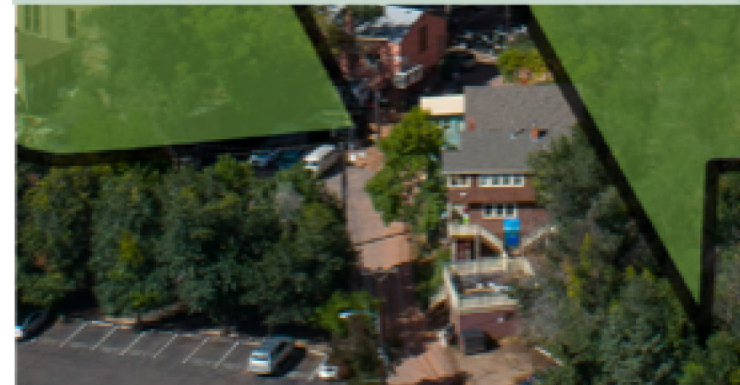
If you have questions, contact the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce and we will find answers for you.

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THE BASICS OF HB21-1162

PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION ACT

& HOW THIS AFFECTS YOUR BUSINESS



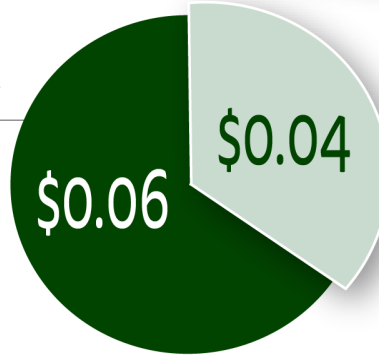
In 2021, Colorado legislature passed a bill to ban the use or sale of specific types of plastic materials and products in order to help reduce local plastic pollution. Starting January 1, 2023, the state will place a 10 cent fee on plastic and paper bags and will ban single use plastic bags and polystyrene to-go food containers starting in 2024.

SINGLE USE PLASTIC & PAPER BAGS

THE TEN CENT FEE

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The \$0.06 remitted to local municipalities goes toward program implementation, waste diversion programs, composting, fund recycling, and admin & enforcement fees.



RETAILERS

The \$0.04 kept by the retailer can be used to help implement the program in your store.

Example: Conspicuous signage, postcards, and reusable bags.

A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- The bag fee is applicable to all franchises, restaurants and Colorado only businesses with 3 or more locations.
- Retailers aren't required to remit the fees until April 1, 2024.
- If your remittance is less than \$20, you do not pay for that quarter. Instead, save the remittance until a quarter that you reach the \$20 minimum
- The fee does not apply to customers that receive federal or state food assistance programs and shows proof.
- Sales tax should not be charged on the 10-cent bag fee.
- ENFORCEMENT: The violating retailer will receive a penalty up to \$500 for their second violation and up to \$1000 for a third or subsequent violation.
- A civil penalty against violators may also be imposed.

JANUARY 1, 2023

The state will place a 10 cent fee on plastic and paper bags.

JANUARY 1, 2024

- Plastic bags & Polystyrene (Styrofoam) is banned.
- Paper bags may still be used with fee.

APRIL 1, 2024

Quarterly remittance of fees to local municipalities begin. Payment will be accepted prior to this date.

JUNE 1, 2024

All remaining inventory of plastic bags purchased by January 1, 2024 must be used by July 1, 2024.

According to the state law, only businesses that have more than three locations, locations outside of Colorado, or are part of a franchise will be affected. However, Manitou Springs strongly believes in maintaining a sustainable community. City Council will be discussing further restrictions on single-use plastics in January 2023. We will keep you updated with any new information and restrictions.



EXCEPTIONS

Loose, bulk items including hardware, tools, fruits & vegetables, grains, candy | Farmers & roadside markets | Dry cleaning & laundry | Prescription medication | Frozen food, meat, seafood, plants & other items that may otherwise contaminate other products | Bags for unwrapped food or bakery goods such as those used by restaurants for take-home or to-go food | Bags for small pets like fish & insects.