

Montgomery County Carryout Bag Tax



IT'S THE LAW!

Montgomery County law requires all restaurants to charge 5 cents for each plastic carryout bag.

Whether you agree with the law or not, you **MUST** charge every customer for a plastic bag given at the point of sale (register).

Why do we have a bag law?

- Plastic bags are a significant source of litter in our community which pollutes our neighborhoods, streams, and playgrounds.
- The Carryout Bag Law is in place to reduce the use of disposable bags and the costs incurred with removing them from the environment.
- Fees from the Carryout Bag Law exclusively fund programs that fight litter and provide stormwater pollution control in Montgomery County.

If you do not collect the bag tax for each plastic bag provided to a customer, it is a **tax law violation** which can subject your employer to **significant fines** for noncompliance.

DO NOT cause your employer to be subject to a fine. Make sure you charge every customer who wants a plastic bag for their purchase.

Thank you for your help with following the Carryout Bag Law!

For more information,
visit montgomerycountymd.gov/bag or call **311**.

Always **ASK** customers "do you want a plastic bag". It may seem that a customer would need a plastic bag, especially for delivery/pick up orders, however we do receive complaints from residents who were charged for a bag when they did not want one. Remember customers have the right to refuse a bag and avoid the charge.



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