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BRING YOUR OWN BAG ACT
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BYO BAG
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The BYO Bag Act results in the ban of single use plastic bag distribution at most retail locations and promotes all residents to use reusable bags when buying food or merchandise.

This law goes into effect on July 15, 2019 and covers all of Ulster County.

As of July 15th, 2019, you will not be able to receive single use plastic bags at the point of sale in grocery or retail stores. We encourage you to bring your own reusable bags, however if you forget, there will be a minimum 5¢ fee for paper bags upon checkout.

This law will go into effect before the New York State Plastic Bag Ban in March 2020. Based on the similarities of our laws, once the New York State Law comes into effect, there should be very few overall changes, especially for consumers.

Bring your own bag for no fee
Any type of bag that the customers bring to the store themselves is encouraged.

Available for a 5¢ minimum fee
Recyclable paper bags, bags made of cloth or washable material, or durable plastic over 4mm thick.

Not available for use
Single use plastic bags less than 4mm thick and provided to customers at a point of sale.

How Will this Affect You?

For Businesses: All businesses and markets selling personal, consumer or household items will withhold the distribution of plastic bags, however recyclable paper bags can be supplied for a minimum 5¢ fee. *However, food service establishments such as restaurants, are not included in this law.*

For Consumers: Consumers should start carrying reusable bags with them when shopping, as this is the most environmentally responsible approach. For durability, we recommend canvas bags. Recyclable paper bags will be available at checkouts for a minimum 5¢ fee.

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