



City of South Portland Shopping Bag Fee Effective March 1, 2016

Beginning on this date, stores in South Portland will be required to charge customers \$0.05 for plastic AND paper shopping bags distributed at the point of sale. The purpose of this policy is to reduce waste by encouraging shoppers to reuse bags.

The bag fee does not apply to:

- Cloth, plastic, nylon, and other durable bags designed for multiple uses
- Paper and plastic shopping bags previously obtained by the shopper and brought to the store for reuse
- Bags used to contain bulk goods such as produce, grains, and other loose items prior to sale
- Bags used by clerks to wrap goods such as meat and cleaning products in order to prevent them from contaminating other goods.

For more information, please visit www.southportland.org/so.