

What you need to know about the bag ban



When did it come into effect?

- Single-use plastic bags were banned on January 1, 2022.
- Single-use paper bags were banned on January 1, 2023.

What kinds of bags are banned?

This ban is targeted at retail plastic and paper bags of all sizes.

What kinds of bags are **not** banned?

Certain bags are not included due to privacy, protection, health and a lack of other reasonable options. These bags include:

- Prescription drug bags.
- Take-out food bags.
- Bags for bulk items (food or hardware like nails and bolts).
- Produce bags and other primary packaging bags for food items.
- Bags for live fish, flowers or potted plants.
- Tire bags.
- Gift bags supplied as part of a gift-wrapping service.

What kinds of bags can I provide to my customers?

You can sell reusable bags that are specifically designed and manufactured to be durable. Thick plastic film bags are not considered durable enough.

Why ban plastic and paper bags?

Banning single-use shopping bags helps reduce waste in the Yukon and protect the environment. Paper bags are still single-use products. They are resource-intensive and cause pollution and emissions when being made and transported.

How can I tell staff and customers about this change?

Most Yukoners should be aware of the change since plastic bags were banned on January 1, 2022, and paper bags were banned on January 1, 2023. Additional information and printable posters can be found at Yukon.ca/BagBan

What can I do with any extra stock of single-use paper bags?

You can donate extra stock to charities like the Food Bank, which are unaffected by the ban.

For more information, contact Environmental Protection and Assessment Branch at envprot@yukon.ca or 867-667-5683.