

What you need to know about the bag ban



When does it come into effect?

- Single-use plastic bags were banned on January 1, 2022.
- **Single-use paper bags will be banned starting January 1, 2023.**

Do I have to provide single-use paper bags until January 1, 2023?

You don't have to wait until this date and can discontinue distribution of single-use paper bags ahead of the government deadline.

What kinds of bags are included?

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

What kinds of bags are not included?

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 will help 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?

Yukoners should already be somewhat aware of the change since plastic bags were banned on January 1, 2022. We will provide additional signage to help communicate that paper bags are now banned too. If you want additional products, you can print them off at Yukon.ca/BagBan

What do I do with any extra stock of single-use paper bags after January 1?

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