

FREDERICKSBURG'S TAX ON DISPOSABLE BAGS

(Chapter 70, Article XVI of the
Fredericksburg Municipal Code)

REMEMBER

Ask all customers
if they need a bag.



CHARGE

All customers **\$0.05** for
EVERY disposable plastic
bag provided at checkout.



THANK YOU

For meeting the
requirements of the
Disposable Plastic Bag Tax.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How should I determine if a customer needs a bag?

If you can't see whether a customer has brought their own bags, then try asking, "Did you bring your bags today?" or "Do you need disposable bags today? They are \$0.05 each."

What if the paper or plastic bag that I provide a customer rips? Must I charge them for another one?

No, accidents happen. You do not need to charge them for a torn bag

Can customers reuse their own paper or plastic bags at checkout?

Yes, a disposable bag tax is only charged the first time a bag is given to a customer. Any bag can be brought by a customer to a store for reuse, even disposable bags.

Do customers have to use any bags at all?

No, customers may choose to just carry a few items out of the store in their hands or cart.

Are there any bags for which I should not charge?

Do not charge for:

- Bags used inside the store to package bulk items; wrap frozen or fresh foods, flowers, or other items where dampness may be a problem; or contain prepared foods and bakery goods.
- Bags for prescription drugs.



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