

PRESS RELEASE



PLASTIC BAG BAN IN EFFECT BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

September 4, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Shoppers are reminded that the Plastic Bag Ban goes into effect on Sunday, September 15th, 2019. Don't forget to take your own bags!

Information about the Plastic Bag Ban can be found on the attached factsheet.

In 2018 the Anchorage Assembly passed Ordinances (AO 2018-63(S) and AO 2018-110(S)) making it unlawful for retail stores to distribute single use plastic bags to shoppers in the Municipality of Anchorage. These ordinances apply to commercial businesses to include markets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, retail stores and restaurants. These laws will help to improve the quality of life for our wildlife and Anchorage residents.

Additional information, including exceptions in the law, is available:

- *Plastic Bag Ban Factsheet* on the Assembly's webpage under "Items of Interest" at <http://www.muni.org/assembly>.
- *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQs) on the MOA Solid Waste Services webpage at <http://www.muni.org/SWS>.
- Businesses may email PlasticBagBan@anchorageak.gov or call (907) 343-7123.

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