

# Remember your reusable bags and keep them clean!

Beginning May 1, 2013. ALL retail businesses in the Eugene city limits will be required to provide only recycled paper bags or reusable bags as carryout bags for customers.

## Remember Your Reusable Bags:

- ⇒ Always start your shopping list with "Bring Bags"
- ⇒ Keep a collapsible bag in your purse, backpack, or briefcase
- ⇒ Keep bags in your vehicle

## Keep Your Reusable Bags Clean:

- ⇒ Cloth reusable bags should be washed in a washing machine using laundry detergent and dried in the dryer or air-dried.
- ⇒ Plastic-lined reusable bags should be wiped using hot water and soap and air-dried.
- ⇒ Check that both cloth and plastic-lined reusable bags are completely dry before storing them.
- ⇒ Always put raw meats into a disposable plastic bag before putting them in a reusable bag. When using reusable bags, keep meats, fresh produce, and ready-to-eat foods separated from other food products.
- ⇒ Clean any reusable bags used for carrying food before using for other purposes such as carrying books or gym clothes.

More information is available on the City's website, [www.eugene-or.gov/plasticbags](http://www.eugene-or.gov/plasticbags), or by calling 541-682-5652.



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