

Retail Stores Pre-Checkout Bag Requirements

As of January 1, 2025



Retail Stores may only provide customers with pre-checkout bags that are:

Recycled-content paper bags

or

"Compostable" bags



Retail Stores Include:

- Grocery stores
- Convenience stores
- Liquor stores
- Retail stores with a pharmacy
- Food marts

"Compostable" pre-checkout bags must meet all of the following criteria:

- Comply with the standards described in PRC Section 42357.5.
- Be eligible to be labeled with the terms "compostable" or "home compostable" pursuant to PRC Section 42357.
- Have a minimum 15-inch mouth width.

SB 1046 (Eggman, Chapter 991, Statutes of 2022) went into effect January 1, 2025.

For more information about bag requirements, visit

<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/plastics/bagrequirements/>.

For further compliance guidance, contact your legal counsel.

Scan here to see the law.



California Code, PRC 42281.2.