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## Plastic Bag Bans

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### **What are plastic bag bans?**

A plastic bag ban is a law that requires all city stores to phase out single-use plastic bags within a specified period of time. This law is designed to encourage consumers to shop with reusable bags, which in turn will reduce trash in landfills and waterways. This ban does not apply to thicker, reusable plastic bags or totes.

### **Where have plastic bag bans been enacted?**

Plastic bag bans have been passed by states, cities, and counties nationwide. For the most current information on plastic bag bans in the United States and Canada, please search "[Plastic Bag Ban](#)" on ASI Central.

### **Do all plastic bag bans follow the same protocols or standards?**

No, each law is made on a state, city, or county level.