



ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Owner or Manager

[STORE NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[CITY], CA [ZIP]

January 10, 2017

ACTION REQUIRED: Ordinance 2016-02 (Reusable Bags)

On October 25, 2016, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority expanded its reusable bag ordinance to now include *all* retail stores and eating establishments in Alameda County. The expansion promotes reusable bags to reduce waste and litter from single-use bags, and keep plastic bags out of local waterways. Your business has been identified by your city's business license database as a retail entity that will be affected by this new law.

Retail Store Requirements Starting May 1, 2017:

- ▶ Your store can no longer provide customers with single-use plastic carryout bags.
- ▶ Bags made of recycled paper and reusable carryout bags (which can include thicker, more durable plastic bags) may be distributed if they are sold for at least 10 cents each and meet the specifications identified in the ordinance. Refer to www.ReusableBagsAC.org for more information.

Please see the enclosed fact sheet for more information about the ordinance and the requirements for affected stores. We will be conducting store visits to selected retail stores starting February, 2017 to offer assistance and resources for store employees and management. In the meantime, start using up your supply of single-use bags before the ordinance goes into effect May 1, 2017. Outreach materials will be mailed in March 2017 to assist with educating customers about the new law.

PLEASE NOTE: If your business does not distribute bags at point of sale, then you do not need to make any changes.

If you operate an eating establishment or there is one within your retail entity, additional requirements for eating establishments will begin November 1, 2017. Visit www.ReusableBagsAC.org for more information on the ordinance relating to both retail and eating establishments.

If you have questions, please e-mail Bags@StopWaste.org or call 510-891-6575.

Sincerely,

Meri Soll
Senior Program Manager

Enclosures: Fact Sheet for Retailers