



ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Owner or Manager

[STORE NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[CITY], CA [ZIP]

May 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Reusable Bag Law – Expansion to Eating Establishments

In October 2016, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority expanded Reusable Bag Ordinance 2016-2 to 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 an eating establishment that will be affected by this new law.

Eating Establishment Requirements Starting November 1, 2017:

- ▶ Your establishment can no longer provide customers with single-use plastic carryout bags.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Only compliant recycled content Paper Bags may be distributed for free.

Please see the enclosed fact sheet for more information about the ordinance and the requirements for affected eating establishments including restaurants, bakeries, cafés, food trucks, and bars. We will be conducting visits to establishments starting June, 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 November 1, 2017. Outreach materials will be mailed in September, 2017 to assist with educating customers about the new law.

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

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

Sincerely,



Meri Soll
Senior Program Manager

Enclosures: Bag Ordinance Fact Sheet for Eating Establishments