



# ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Owner or Manager

[STORE NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[CITY], CA [ZIP]

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**SUBJECT:** Reusable Bag Law – Expansion to Eating Establishments

In October 2016, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority expanded Reusable Bag Ordinance to include all retail stores and eating establishments in Alameda County. Your business has been identified by your city's business license database as an eating establishment that will be affected by this new law, which is designed to reduce waste and litter from single-use bags.

**Eating Establishment Requirements Starting November 1, 2017:**

- ▶ Your business 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](http://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, food and meal delivery services, as well as bars. We will be conducting visits to establishments to offer assistance and resources for store employees and management. Use up your supply of single-use bags before the ordinance goes into effect November 1, 2017. Outreach materials are available to download from [www.ReusableBagsAC.org](http://www.ReusableBagsAC.org).

**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](mailto:Bags@StopWaste.org) or call 510-891-6575.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:     Bag Ordinance Fact Sheet for Eating Establishments