

Options for Existing Non-Compliant Bag Inventory

A few businesses have asked what they should do with their existing non-compliant bags (single-use plastic bags or paper bags made from less than 40% postconsumer recycled material). Since the City of San Pablo is dedicated to reducing the amount of waste heading to the landfill, please do not throw your left over non-compliant bags in the trash.

We recommend the following options:

1. Return non-compliant bags to your Distributor or Manufacturer. Let them know these bags are NOT compliant with the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance and ask them to stock only compliant Reusable and Recycled Paper Bags.
2. If your business is part of a chain store, return or sell the non-compliant bags to the corporate office for use in other stores not impacted with a similar Ordinance.
3. Sell bags to stores not affected by the Ordinance which include Public Eating Establishments or Nonprofit Charitable Reuser.
4. Donate bags to a Nonprofit Charitable Reuser such as The Salvation Army, food banks, or shelters.

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