

Single-Use Checkout Plastic Bags to be Banned in City of Parksville

Earlier this month, Parksville Council approved limiting the use of single-use checkout plastic bags in the City. The bylaw which was advanced to the statutory process will ban the use of single-use retail plastic bags effective March 1, 2019.

This plastic bag ban does not apply to the sale of plastic bags intended for use at the customer's home or business, provided that they are sold in packages of multiple bags. Single-use plastic bags will be permitted under the bylaw if specifically used in the following ways:

- Package loose bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grain or candy
- Package small hardware items such as nails, screws, nuts and bolts
- Contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, poultry or fish which may be prepackaged
- Wrap flowers or potted plants
- Protect prepared foods or bakery goods that are not pre-packaged
- Contain prescription drugs received from a pharmacy
- Transport live fish
- Protect linens, bedding or other similar large items that do not fit easily in a reusable bag
- Protect clothes after professional laundering or dry cleaning.

This plastic bag ban becomes effective March 1, 2019, and implementation of a \$150 fine will be postponed until March 1, 2020. Over the next few months, the City will undertake public education outreach to promote awareness of the City-imposed ban and to ensure a smooth transition and support to Parksville businesses.

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