



# PACIFIC FINE ARTS FESTIVALS

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**BAG ORDINANCE:** A 2013 ordinance affects all sales. Customers need to bring reusable shopping bags or purchase a reusable bag or a recycled paper bag from you for a minimum of ten cents per bag (increases to twenty-five cents 2015).

- **Single-use plastic carryout bags are banned** (defined as less than 2.25 mil thick). You may provide **recycled-content paper bags** or **reusable bags** for a **minimum of 10 cents per bag**. Bag charge increases to 25 cents on January 1, 2015.
- **Customers may bring their own bags of any type, or choose no bag at all.** If you normally provide receipts, you must **itemize the minimum 10-cent bag charge on the customer's receipt**. You keep the money from the bag charge to compensate for bag costs and record-keeping requirements. The 10 cent bag charge (25 cents in 2015) is non-taxable. If you charge more than this, the remainder is taxable.
- **Paper carryout bags provided must:** be made of 40% post-consumer content, and 100% recyclable (no plastic handles); have the words "Recyclable and Reusable" printed on the bag in a highly visible location; show the manufacturer's contact information (bottom of bag or gusset is okay).
- **Reusable carryout bags provided must:** have handles and be made of machine-washable cloth or be made of other **durable plastic material (plastic at least 2.25 mil thick)**.
- **Reuse of bags** collected from your customers or your personal use is allowed, provided they are paper bags, or plastic carryout bags meeting the criteria of being at least 2.25 mil thick. You may **not** use plastic carryout bags **less than 2.25 mil thick even if donated** by other merchants to comply with ordinances. Merchants may donate unused plastic carryout bag supplies to nonprofit charitable re-users, such as thrift stores and food banks, because they are not subject to the ordinance.
- **Protective bags, defined as not having handles,** may be provided at no charge for the following purposes **ONLY:** to transport prepared food, produce, or bulk goods **within the retail area to the cashier, to separate food or goods that may become damaged when placed together in a reusable or paper carryout bag,** such as greeting cards, prints/paintings or jewelry, glass bottles. You may cut off the handles of plastic carryout bags and use for protective bags described above. Using plastic wrap or thick plastic trash can liners (**WITHOUT** handles or drawstrings) for large artwork qualifies as a protective bag, and is not subject to the 10 cent bag charge.
- **Keep records** of bag supply purchases and bag charges for 3 years and provide if requested by City or County. An alternative method of review may be mutually agreed upon, and records may be kept at your office.
- **Fines:** \$100-\$500 fine per violation. Inspections will occur on complaint basis and through random spot checks.
- See the following list for recycled paper and reusable bag vendors.
- **Questions? FROM THE LIST BELOW PLEASE BE SURE TO CHOOSE THE CORRECT CONTACT FOR THE EVENT IN WHICH YOU'RE PARTICIPATING**
  - **City of Mountain View** Recycling Specialists at 650.903.6311 / [recycle@mountainview.gov](mailto:recycle@mountainview.gov). Visit [MVrecycle.org](http://MVrecycle.org) for more information, customer fact sheets, and retailer's toolkit with signage.
  - **City of Menlo Park** Vanessa Marcadejas, Environmental Specialist, at 650/330-6768, 650/330-6740 or [vamarcadejas@menlopark.org](mailto:vamarcadejas@menlopark.org)
  - **City of Los Altos** Sierra Davis, Economic Development Manager, 650/947-2620 or [sdavis@losaltosca.gov](mailto:sdavis@losaltosca.gov).
  - **City of San Carlos and Half Moon Bay** Waymond Wong, San Mateo County Environmental Health Department, 650-372-6248 or [wwong@smcgov.org](mailto:wwong@smcgov.org).
  - **City of San Francisco** email [environment@sfgov.org](mailto:environment@sfgov.org) or phone 415/355-3700 with questions.

The following are lists of bag suppliers given to us by the City of Mountain View. Neither they nor we endorse any of them. This also is not a complete list of suppliers. This is only meant to help in your research.

## REUSABLE BAGS

1 Bag at a Time, Inc.	<a href="http://onebagatatime.com">onebagatatime.com</a>	310/649-3888
Ad Plus LLC	<a href="http://adpluspromotions.com">adpluspromotions.com</a>	408/528-0818
Bunzl Distribution	<a href="http://bunzldistribution.com">bunzldistribution.com</a>	800/274-1180
Chico Bag	<a href="http://chicobag.com">chicobag.com</a>	530/342-4426
Envirosax LLC	<a href="http://envirosax.com">envirosax.com</a>	858/537-6525
Simply Green Solutions	<a href="http://simplygreensolutions.com">simplygreensolutions.com</a>	626/943-2828 x 101
Vineyard Unlimited	<a href="http://vineyardunlimited.com">vineyardunlimited.com</a>	408/265-1517
Western Textile	<a href="http://bagmakers.com">bagmakers.com</a>	415/255-2010

## RECYCLED PAPER BAGS

Adrite Promotions	<a href="http://adritepromotions.com">adritepromotions.com</a>	510/832-6589
Advance Paper Systems	<a href="http://apspackaging.com">apspackaging.com</a>	408/286-7770
California Supply North, Inc.	<a href="http://calsupply.com">calsupply.com</a>	510/429-0300 x 140
Central Cash & Carry	<a href="http://centrallycashandcarry.com">centrallycashandcarry.com</a>	408/975-2485
Luna Packaging LLC	<a href="http://lunapackaging.com">lunapackaging.com</a>	510/522-5862
Moresco Distributing	<a href="http://moresco.biz">moresco.biz</a>	707/773-2500 x 112
TreeCycle	<a href="http://treecycle.com">treecycle.com</a>	406/550-3116
Webb Enterprises	<a href="http://pacificwesternsales.com">pacificwesternsales.com</a>	408/655-5226