

Local California Consumer Bag Ordinances Currently in Effect

The below matrix provides an overview of local California consumer bag laws that have been grandfathered into the statewide legislation. The matrix references information directly stated in the local legislation, including the presence of a ban and/or fee, types of consumer bags allowed, and if paper or reusable consumer bags must meet specific criteria to be allowed for use.

California’s state-wide consumer bag legislation grandfathered in local jurisdictions that had enacted local laws prior to September 1, 2014. This matrix provides a summary of the jurisdictions that have local consumer bag laws still in effect. Individual towns are not listed for counties that have county-wide ordinances (this includes Alameda, Napa, San Mateo, and Sonoma Counties).

Jurisdiction	BANS	FEE	ALLOWABLE BAGS					Link
	Plastic Bags (1)	Bag fee (2)	Reusable	Paper Bags	Compostable/ Biodegradable Plastic	Specs for Paper Bags (3)	Specs for Reusable Bags (4)	
Alameda County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Arcata	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Belvedere	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Beverly Hills	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Calabasas	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Capitola	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Carmel-by-the-Sea	yes	no	yes			no	yes	Link to ordinance
Carpinteria	yes		yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Cathedral City	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Chico	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Culver City	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Cupertino	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Dana Point	yes		yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Danville	yes		yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Davis	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Del Mar	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Desert Hot Springs	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
El Cerrito	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Encinitas	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Fairfax	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Fort Bragg	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Glendale	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Gonzales	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Grass Valley	yes	no	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Greenfield	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Hercules	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Hermosa Beach	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Indio	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
King City	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Lafayette	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Laguna Beach	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Larkspur	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Long Beach	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Los Angeles City	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
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Malibu	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Manhattan Beach	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Marin County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Marina	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Martinez	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Mendocino County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Millbrae	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Milpitas	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Monrovia	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Monterey	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Monterey County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Morgan Hill	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Napa County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		Link to ordinance
Nevada City	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Novato	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Ojai	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Pacific Grove	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Palm Desert	yes	yes	yes	yes		no	yes	Link to ordinance
Palm Springs	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Palo Alto	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Pasadena	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Pico Rivera	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Pittsburg	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Pleasant Hills	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Richmond	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Ross	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Sacramento City	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Sacramento County	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Salinas	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
San Anselmo	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
San Francisco	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
San Jose	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
San Luis Obispo County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
San Mateo County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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San Pablo	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
San Rafael	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Santa Barbara City	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Santa Barbara County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Santa Clara City	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Santa Clara County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Santa Cruz City	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Santa Cruz County	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Santa Monica	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Santa Rosa	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Seaside	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Solana Beach	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Soledad	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Sonoma County	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
South Lake Tahoe	yes		yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
South Padre Island	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
South Pasadena	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Sunnyvale	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance

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Tiburon	yes		yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Ukiah	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Walnut Creek	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
Watsonville	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance
West Hollywood	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	Link to ordinance

Consumer Bag Legislation Matrix Definitions

<p>(1) Bans typically apply to plastic bags with the following descriptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) made exclusively or primarily of soft plastic (b) non-biodegradable (c) less than 2.25 mils thick <p>In some jurisdictions, this also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) marked or labeled as “biodegradable” or “compostable” (e) not suitable for reuse (f) unable to be cleaned and disinfected regularly 	<p>(2) In the context of this matrix, fees may be present for one or more of the following allowable bags within a jurisdiction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) recyclable paper bags (b) reusable bags (c) compostable/biodegradable plastic bags
<p>(3) Required specifications for paper bags commonly include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) contains no old growth fiber (b) 100% recyclable, and contains a minimum of 40% post-consumer recycled material (c) capable of composting, consistent with the timeline and specifications of ASTM Std D6400 (d) can be accepted for recycling in curbside programs (e) printed on the bag is the name of the manufacturer, the location (country) where the bag was manufactured, and the percentage of postconsumer recycled material used (f) displays the word “Recyclable” in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bag 	<p>(4) Required specifications for reusable bags commonly include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) multiple uses (jurisdiction may specify the number) (b) bag construction (material, presence of handles) (c) ability to be cleaned and disinfected regularly (d) third-party certification demonstrating compliance with the provisions within the legislation.