

Beaufort County, South Carolina
General Announcement

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**Retailers in Unincorporated Areas Must Comply with
Beaufort County's Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban by November 1**

Retailers in Beaufort County's unincorporated areas have until November 1 to stop providing single-use plastic carryout (shopping) bags to customers. Enforcement of the ordinance will be on a complaint and inspections basis.

Earlier this year, [Beaufort County Council](#) adopted an ordinance banning single-use plastic bags to help reduce negative environmental impacts and pollution from plastic bags while promoting the use of paper or reusable bags for shopping.

Customers may bring their own reusable bag(s) or be provided a substitute bag from the retailer. Some retailers may offer reusable bags for purchase. Customers should check with retailers regarding specific options.

During the next few months, Beaufort County will take steps to educate affected businesses, residents and visitors about the new ordinance through advertisements, flyers, news releases, public service announcements, social media and videos.

Additional information to include a copy of the ordinance is available [here](#). Businesses in unincorporated areas of the County with questions should contact the Beaufort County [Business License Department](#) at 843-255-2270.

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