

WE ARE ELIMINATING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS ON MARCH 1, 2023

 CO-OP LAKE COUNTRY



Plastic Bag Elimination FAQ

Q: What if I forget my reusable bags?

A: We will have paper bags for purchase or multiple reusable bag options available as well.

Q: Are you still going to have bags for fresh produce?

A: Yes. However, we strongly encourage that customers switch to our special reusable Co-op Gold Mesh Produce Bags. These reusable produce bags have been made specifically to work with our weight scales at our checkouts. You can purchase these at our food stores.

Q. Will there be bags for my online grocery order?

A: Paper bags will be used to pack grocery orders at X cents per bag.

Q: I reuse the grocery bags I get at your locations and now I'll have to buy more plastic bags, so what is the point?

A: Plastic bags, even though they have additional uses, still end up in the landfill more quickly than any other reusable alternative. In the future, all single use plastic bags will be replaced by reusable, recyclable or compostable options.

Q: I see other single use plastics and disposables at your locations. What will you be doing next?

A: We have signed the Canada Plastics Pact, with Federated Co-operatives Ltd and over 160 local Co-ops in Western Canada. By signing this Pact, we are committing to four targets by 2025:

- Taking measures to eliminate problematic or unnecessary plastic packaging.
- Exclusively utilizing plastic packaging that is designed to be reusable, recyclable or compostable.
- Ensuring that 50% of plastic packaging is effectively recycled or composted.
- Ensuring that 30% of recycled content across all plastic packaging