



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

NYS Plastic Bag & Film Plastic Reduction , Reuse and Recycling Act

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Details

Originally effective January 1, 2009 - Plastic Bags
Amendments effective March 1, 2015 - Plastic Film
Retailer Responsibilities
Manufacturer Responsibilities
Department Responsibilities



Applicable Stores

>10,000 Square Feet of Retail Space

Chains of 5 or More Stores w/> 5,000 Square Feet

Large Enclosed Mall Stores (50,000 Square Feet)



Retailer Responsibilities

Must Establish Take Back Program (Encourage others to as well)

Label the Bags Provided

(PLEASE RETURN TO A PARTICIPATING STORE FOR RECYCLING)

Provide a Visible, Clean, Accessible, Labeled Container

Recycle the Bags and Film Collected

Maintain Records

Reusable Bags Available and Allowed to be Used



Manufacturer Responsibilities

- Require Records be Maintained for 3 Years
- Require Compostable Bags to be Labeled
(COMPOSTABLE BAG – DO NOT PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN)



Department Responsibilities

- Develop Educational Materials (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html>)
 - Law w/ Amendments, Retailer, Consumer & FAQs
- Provide Information on Recycling Facilities that Recycle Plastic Bags and Film

Additional Details

- Regulations Authorized
- Preemption of Plastic Bag and Film Plastic Recycling
 - "PLEASE REUSE OR RECYCLE AT A PARTICIPATING STORE." - NYC
- Retailer Violations - Information/\$100/\$500



More Information:

- Complaints – How Handled
 - Staff Turnover, Store Policy, Contamination/Location
- Normal Steps for Enforcement
- No Penalties Issued Yet
- Numbers?
- Recycling Outlets

More Information:

- Bureau of Waste Reduction and Recycling
518-402-8706
- E-Mail @ recycling@dec.ny.gov
- Website @ <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html>



Thank You & Ideas for Compliance/Education

