

Comparing County Food Ware Bans in Hawai'i

Food Ware Bans Comparison Chart

	Effective date	Prohibits the sale of polystyrene (PS) within County	Prohibits sale of plastic food ware within County	Prohibits sale of plastic service ware within County	Plastic straws, stirrers prohibited	Requirements for alternatives to disposable plastic food service ware	Penalties	Disposable Plastics Prohibited	Customer opt in disposable food and service ware
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	1/1/2022: (a) and (c) 4/1/2021*: (b)	Yes (a)	Yes (c) 1/1/2022	Yes (b)	Yes	No	Food vendor or business 1 st -warning 2 nd -\$100 to \$1,000 per day	Yes; service ware, and PS and plastic food ware	Yes; non-plastic utensils
County of Hawaii Ord. 17-63	7/1/2019	Yes	No	No	No	Yes; recyclable or compostable	Food vendor 1 st - \$10 2 nd - \$50 3 rd - \$200	Yes; requires recyclable or compostable food service ware	No
County of Maui Ord. 4457	12/31/2018	Yes	No	No	No	No	Civil penalties and enforcement procedures of section 19.530.030	Yes; PS foam food service containers	No
County of Maui Bill 52	1/1/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Civil penalties and enforcement procedures of section 19.530.030	Yes	Yes; non-plastic utensils
County of Kauai Bill 2775	1/1/2022	Yes	No	No	No	No	Food Providers 1 st - \$250 2 nd - \$500 3 rd - \$1,000	Yes; only PS food service containers	No

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Honolulu Department of Environmental Services decided to postpone the initial effective date of January 1, 2021 to April 1, 2021.*

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Exemptions

	Packaging for raw meat, poultry, seafood, unprepared produce, uncooked eggs	Prepackaged food, shelf-stable food	Undue hardship (application for exemption)	No reasonable alternatives (application for exemption)	Emergency	PS ice coolers and ice chests	Plastic straws, stirrers	Plastic utensils (forks, knives, etc.)
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	✓	✓	✓ 1 term: up to 2 years, ext. up to additional 2 years Includes "industry exemption"	✓ 1 term: up to 2 years, ext. up to additional 2 years	✓	✓	Only upon request for medical or physical needs*	
County of Hawaii Ord. 17-63	✓	✓ Foods packaged outside the limits of the County of Hawai'i	✓ 180 days		✓	✓	✓	✓
County of Maui Ord. 4457	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
County of Maui Bill 52	✓	✓	✓	✓ A price for a product that is more than 40% higher than a comparable plastic product is not reasonably affordable.	✓	✓	Only upon request for persons with disabilities. **	
County of Kauai Bill 2775	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓= ok to sell, use, provide these items made of plastic or polystyrene in general or for the specified situations below.

*Entities exempt from compliance with the restriction of disposable plastic straws: hospitals, nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, adult residential care homes, hospice service agencies, hospice homes, home health agencies, home care agencies as defined in various sections of HAR.

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Prohibitions and Requirements for Counties

<p>City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30</p>	<p>(a) Unless exempted under Section 41-27.3, no food vendor shall sell, serve, or provide prepared food in any polystyrene foam food ware to customers.</p> <p>(b) Unless exempted under Section 41-27.3, no food vendor shall sell, serve, or provide disposable plastic service ware to customers.</p> <p>(c) Unless exempted under Section 41-27.3, no food vendor shall sell, serve, or provide prepared food in disposable plastic food ware to customers.</p> <p>(d) Unless exempted under Section 41-27.3, polystyrene foam food ware shall not be sold or provided, or offered for sale or use at any city facility, city-authorized concession, city-sponsored or city-permitted event, or city program.</p>
<p>County of Hawaii Ord. 17-63</p>	<p>As of July 1, 2019, all county facility users shall use a suitable recyclable or compostable product for disposable food service ware.</p> <p>As of July 1, 2019, all food vendors using any disposable food service ware shall use a suitable recyclable or compostable product.</p> <p>As of July 1, 2019, all county facility users shall use a suitable recyclable or compostable product for disposable food service ware.</p>
<p>County of Maui Ord. 4457</p>	<p>Food providers shall not sell, use, provide, or offer the use of polystyrene foam food service containers.</p> <p>Polystyrene foam food service containers shall not be sold, used, provided, or offered for use at any County facility, County-authorized concession, County-sponsored or County-permitted events, or County program.</p> <p>Polystyrene foam food service containers shall not be offered for sale or sold in the County.</p>

Prohibitions and Requirements for Counties (cont.)

<p>County of Maui Bill 52</p>	<p>Food providers must not sell, use, provide or offer the use of plastic disposable foodware.</p> <p>Plastic disposable foodware must not be sold, used, provided, or offered for use at any County facility, County-authorized concession, County-sponsored or County-permitted event or County program.</p> <p>Plastic disposable foodware must not be sold, used, provided, or offered for sale or sold in the County.</p> <p>Nothing in this chapter precludes food providers from using or making available non-plastic alternative utensils, such as those made from paper, sugar cane, or bamboo; except, however, that non-plastic utensils must only be provided upon request or affirmative response being provided the prepared food or beverage or in a self-service area or dispenser.</p>
<p>County of Kaua'i Bill 2775</p>	<p>Food providers shall not sell, use, provide, or offer the use of polystyrene foam food service containers.</p> <p>Polystyrene foam food service containers shall not be offered for sale or sold in the County.</p>

Definitions

ASTM standard	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials International Standards D6400 or D6868 for biodegradable and compostable plastics.
County of Maui Bill 52	means the American Society for Testing and Materials International Standard.
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

ASTM Standard D6400	
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means the ASTM specification for plastics and products made from plastics that are designed to be composted in municipal and industrial aerobic composting facilities.

ASTM Standard D6868	
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means the ASTM specification establishing the requirements for labelling of materials and products (including packaging), wherein a biodegradable plastic film or coating is attached to compostable substrates and the entire product or package is designed to be composted in municipal and industrial aerobic composting facilities.

Biodegradable	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means the entire product or package will completely break down and return to nature, i.e., decompose into elements found in nature within a reasonably short period of time after customary disposal. It is the ability of organic matter to break down from a complex to a more simple form.

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Business	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means any commercial enterprise or establishment operating in the City and County of Honolulu, including an individual proprietorship, joint venture, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity, whether for profit or not for profit, and includes all employees of the business or any independent contractors associated with the business.

Catered food	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means the provision of prepared food in bulk quantity amounts or multiple servings with the intent for later consumption, or the service of prepared food at a site or event venue.

Compostable	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means all materials in the product or package will break down, or otherwise become part of usable compost(e. g., soil-conditioning material, mulch) in an appropriate composting program or facility. Compostable disposable food service ware includes ASTM-standard bio-plastics (plastic-like) products that are clearly labeled so that any compost collector and processor can easily distinguish the ASTM-standard compostable plastic from non ASTM standard compostable plastic.
County of Maui Bill 52	means materials that can undergo biological decomposition or become part of usable compost in a safe and timely manner, either in an appropriate composting program or facility, or in a home compost pile or device. To qualify as compostable, such food service containers must meet ASTM Standard D6400 for Compostable Plastics, as amended.
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means materials that are able to undergo biological decomposition or become part of usable compost in a safe and timely manner, either in an appropriate composting program or facility, or in a home compost pile or device. For foodservice containers containing plastics to qualify as compostable, such food service containers must meet ASTM Standard D6400 for Compostable Plastics or ASTM Standard D6868 for biodegradable plastic film, as amended.

County facility	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means any building, structure, or vehicle owned and operated by the County, its agents, agencies, and departments and includes County buildings, structures, parks, recreation facilities, or property.

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County facility users:	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means all persons, societies, associations, organizations, or special event promoters who require a permit to reserve or rent a County facility or a permit or contract to use a sidewalk or roadway. County facility users also include concession contracts with the County, County managed concessions, County sponsored events and food services provided at County expense.

Customer	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means any person purchasing prepared food from a food vendor.
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means a person obtaining prepared food from a food provider
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means a person obtaining prepared food from a food provider.

Department	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means the department of environmental services.
County of Maui Bill 52	means the department of environmental management.

Director	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means the director of the department of environmental management or the director' s authorized representative.
County of Maui Bill 52	means the director of environmental management.
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means the County Engineer or duly authorized representative.

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Disposable	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means designed to be discarded after a single or limited number of uses and not designed or manufactured for long-term multiple re-use.
County of Maui Bill 52	means something designed to be discarded after a single or limited number of uses and not designed or manufactured for long-term multiple re-use.

Disposable food service ware	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	<p>means disposable food containers that are commonly disposed of after a single use, that are used, or are intended to be used, to serve or transport prepared, ready-to-consume food or beverages. This includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Service ware for takeout foods and/or leftovers from partially consumed meals prepared by a food vendor; and (2) Containers that are intended for single use, such as cups; bowls; plates; trays; cartons; or containers that are hinged, lidded, or clamshell <p>For the purpose of this article, "disposable food service ware" excludes straws, cup lids, utensils, food-related bags and wrappers, packaging for unprepared food.</p>

Food packaging	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means all food-related wrappings, bags, boxes, containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, lids, or drinking utensils, in which food or beverage is placed or packaged on the retail food establishment's premises, and which are not intended for reuse. Food packaging does not include forks, spoons, knives, straws, stirrers, or single-service condiment packages.

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Food provider	
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means any entity or person providing prepared food for consumption within the County, including but not limited to any store, shop, sales outlet, restaurant, bar pub, coffee shop, cafeteria, caterer, convenience store, liquor store, grocery store, supermarket, delicatessen, food truck, catering vehicle or cart, or roadside stand.
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means any vendor, business, organization, entity, group, or individual operating in the County which provides prepared food for public consumption on or off its premises and includes without limitation any store, shop, sales outlet, restaurant, grocery store, supermarket, delicatessen, caterer, catering truck or vehicle; and any organization, group or individual which provides food in conjunction with services.
County of Maui Bill 52	means any person providing prepared food for consumption within the County, including any store, shop, sales outlet, restaurant, bar, pub, coffee shop, cafeteria, caterer, convenience store, liquor store, grocery store, supermarket, delicatessen, food truck, catering vehicle or cart, or roadside stand.
County of Maui Ord. 4457	any entity or person providing prepared food for consumption within the County including any store shop sales outlet restaurant bar pub coffee shop cafeteria caterer convenience store liquor store grocery store supermarket delicatessen food truck catering vehicle or cart or roadside stand

Food service container	
County of Maui Ord. 4457	means all plates trays cups bowls cartons and hinged or lidded containers clamshells on or in which any foods or beverages are placed or packaged or intended to be placed or packaged and designed for one time use
County of Maui Bill 52	means all plates, trays, cups, bowls, cartons, and hinged or lidded containers (clamshells) on or in which any foods or beverages are placed or packaged or intended to be placed or packaged.
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means all plates, trays cups, bowls, cartons, and hinged or lidded containers (clamshells) on or in which any foods or beverages are placed, packaged, or intended to be placed or packaged and designed for one-time use.

Food service ware	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	includes plates, bowls, cups, lids, straws, stirrers, forks, spoons, knives, napkins, trays, and other items primarily designed for use in consuming food.

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Food vendor	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means any entity or person selling or providing prepared food for consumption within the City and County of Honolulu, including any store, shop, sales outlet, pharmacy, restaurant, bar, pub, coffee shop, cafeteria, caterer, convenience store, liquor store, grocery store, supermarket, delicatessen, food truck, catering vehicle or cart, roadside stand, or other establishment that sells or provides prepared food for consumption within the city.
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means any retail food establishment

Foodware	
County of Maui Bill 52	means food service containers and utensils.

Plastic	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means any material made of fossil fuel-derived or petrochemical polymeric compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow.
County of Maui Bill 52	means any material made in whole or in part, from petroleum or petrochemical compounds. including so-called biodegradable products, where any portion is not compostable. "Plastic" also means all forms of polystyrene, polyethylene. polypropylene and polycarbonate, or petrochemical polymeric compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow.

Plastic food ware	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means hot and cold beverage cups, cup lids, plates, bowls, bowl lids, "clamshells," trays, or other hinged or lidded containers that contain plastic. The term does not include disposable plastic condiment packets; food-related bags or wrappers, including, but not limited to, musubi wraps, plastic film, poi bags, chip bags, cracker and cookie wrappers, bread bags, meal kits, or ice bags; beverage-related bottles or cartons; non-plastic cups that contain a polyethylene or plastic coating; packaging for unprepared food; and packaging for wholesale distribution of prepared food, baked goods or dairy products.

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Produce	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means any fruit or vegetable including mixes of intact fruits and vegetables and includes mushrooms, sprouts irrespective of seed source, peanuts, tree nuts, beans, honey, and herbs.

Polystyrene foam	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means a thermoplastic petrochemical material utilizing the styrene monomer, which may be marked with resin symbol# 6, processed by any number of techniques including, but not limited to fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead polystyrene), injection molding, form molding, and extrusion-blow molding (extruded foam polystyrene), sometimes referred to as " Styrofoam," a Dow Chemical Company trademarked form of polystyrene foam insulation. In food service, polystyrene foam is generally used to make cups, bowls, plates, trays, clamshell containers, meat trays and egg cartons intended for a single use. " Polystyrene foam" does not include solid hard polystyrene.
County of Maui Bill 52	means blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded foams that are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by techniques including fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead polystyrene), injection molding, foam molding, and extrusion-blown molding (extruded foam polystyrene). Polystyrene foam does not include clear or solid polystyrene (oriented polystyrene).
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded foams that are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by techniques including fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead polystyrene), injection molding, foam molding, and extrusion-blown molding (extruded foam polystyrene). Polystyrene foam does not include clear or solid polystyrene (oriented polystyrene).

Polystyrene foam food ware	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means hot and cold beverage cups, cup lids, plates, bowls, bowl lids, clamshells," trays, or other hinged or lidded containers, that are made of polystyrene foam; but the term does not include polystyrene foam coolers and ice chests specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re-use; and soup or noodles packaged with polystyrene foam that has been filled and sealed prior to receipt by the food vendor.

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Prepackaged food	
County of Maui Bill 52	means food and beverages container in plastic disposable foodware that has been filled and sealed entirely outside the County or in a manner intended to prevent the food or beverage from having any direct human contact, such as shelf-stable food and beverages; condiment packets, poi bags, musubi wraps, plastic film, chip bags, cookie and cracker wrappers, bread bags, meal kits, ice bags; beverage-related bottles or cartons; packaging for unprepared food; and packaging for wholesale distribution of prepared food, baked goods, and dairy products.

Prepared food	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means food or beverages, which are served, packaged, cooked, chopped, sliced, mixed, brewed, frozen, squeezed, or otherwise prepared for consumption by a retail consumer on the premises of a retail food establishment, including, but not limited to, beverages, ready to eat, and takeout food. "Prepared food" does not include raw, butchered meats, fish and/or poultry unless provided for consumption without further food preparation. For example, sashimi and poke shall be considered to be prepared food.
County of Maui Bill 52	means any food or beverage prepared for consumption using any cooking, or food preparation technique, including chopping, slicing, mixing, brewing, freezing, or squeezing, or otherwise prepared for consumption. "Prepared food" includes restaurant-style food and beverages that are packaged after being ordered and ready for consumption without further preparation.
County of Kaua'i Bill 2775	means any food or beverage prepared for consumption using any cooking, packaging, or food preparation technique, including chopping, slicing, mixing, brewing, freezing, or squeezing, and or otherwise prepared for consumption.

Recyclables	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means material that has reached the end of its current use and is processed into material utilized in the production of new products. For the purpose of this article, recyclable materials will include only those types of plastic being accepted in the Hawai'i County Recycling program.

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Retail food establishment	
County of Hawai'i Ord. 17-63	means any sales outlet, store, shop, vehicle, or other place of business which sells or conveys foods or beverages to consumers, which foods or beverages are contained, wrapped, or held in or on food packaging. "Retail food establishment" shall include, but not be limited to, any place where food is prepared, mixed, cooked, baked, smoked, preserved, bottled, packaged, handled, stored, manufactured, and sold or offered for sale, including, but not limited to a: restaurant; drive-in; coffee shop; cafeteria; short-order café; delicatessen; luncheonette; grill; sandwich shop; soda fountain; bed and breakfast; inn; tavern; bar; cocktail lounge; nightclub; roadside stand; take-out prepared food place; industrial feeding establishment; catering kitchen; mobile food preparation unit; commissary; grocery store; public food market; produce stand; food stand; or any other place in which food and drink is prepared for sale or for service on the premises or elsewhere; and any other establishment or operation where food is processed, prepared, served, or provided to or for consumers for charge.
Service ware	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means any stirrers, straws, baran, and utensils including forks, spoons, sporks, and knives; but the term does not include items contained within or attached to packaging of food or beverages, including, but not limited to, disposable plastic straws pre-packaged and sold with beverage boxes, or disposable plastic utensils pre-packaged and sold with ice cream or salads.
Shelf stable food	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	means prepared food that can be safely stored at room temperature and does not require refrigeration, freezing, or heating for food safety purposes, prior to purchase by a customer.
County of Maui Bill 52	means prepared food that can be stored at room temperature and does not require refrigeration, freezing, or heating for food safety purposes.

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Utensils	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 19-30	are implements intended to assist in the consumption of food or drink.
County of Maui Bill 52	means implements used in the consumption of food or drink, such as forks, knives, spoons, straws, coffee stirrers, cocktail picks, and chopsticks, excluding those contained within or attached to prepackaged food.

Plastic Bag Bans Comparison Chart

This chart compares the types of checkout bags that are allowed for each of the counties. It does not provide the types of plastic bags that are still allowed to be used. Checkout bags across all counties in the State generally mean bags provided upon point of sale to carry out groceries and/or other merchandise.

County	Type of goods	Fee	Thick Plastic Bags Defined "Reusable"	Reusable Bags	Recyclable Paper Bags	Biodegradable Bags
City & County of Honolulu (Ord. 12-8, 14-29, 17-37, and 19-30)	Groceries and merchandise	Minimum \$0.15	Yes, at least 2.25 mils	Yes	Yes; 40% Post-consumer; Must display "Reusable" & "Recyclable"	Unacceptable
	Prepared Foods, Beverages and Bakery Goods	Optional for non-recyclable paper bags				
County of Hawai'i (Ord. 12-1)	Groceries and merchandise	Optional	Yes, by rule, minimum of 3 mils	Yes	No post-consumer requirement	Unacceptable
County of Maui (Ord. 3587)	Groceries and merchandise	Optional	Yes, by rule, minimum of 3 mils	Yes	40% Post-consumer; Must display "Reusable" & "Recyclable"	Unacceptable
County of Kaua'i (Ord. 885)	Groceries and merchandise	Optional	Yes, at least 2.25 mils	Yes	40% Post-consumer; Must display "Reusable" & "Recyclable"	Unacceptable

Prohibitions

<p>City & County of Honolulu (refer to Ord. 17-37)</p>	<p>(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), businesses shall be prohibited from providing plastic checkout bags and non-recyclable paper bags to their customers at the point of sale for the purpose of transporting groceries or other merchandise.</p> <p>(b) Businesses may provide, at the point of sale, reusable bags, compostable plastic bags, or recyclable paper bags to customers for the purpose of transporting groceries or other merchandise provided that they charge the customer a minimum of 15 cents per bag.</p> <p>(c) Nothing in this article shall be interpreted as prohibiting businesses from providing non-recyclable paper bags, with or without charge, to protect or transport prepared foods, beverages, or bakery goods.</p> <p>(d) After January 1, 2020, compostable plastic bags shall no longer be provided at the point of sale for the purpose of transporting groceries or other merchandise.</p>
<p>County of Hawai'i (refer to Ord. 12-1)</p>	<p>Businesses shall not provide plastic checkout bags to their customers.</p>
<p>County of Maui (refer to Ord. 3587)</p>	<p>(a) Businesses are prohibited from providing plastic bags to their customers at the point of sale for the purpose of transporting groceries or other goods.</p> <p>(b) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude a business from making reusable bags or recyclable paper bags available for sale or without charge to customers at the point of sale for the purpose of transporting groceries or other goods.</p>
<p>County of Kaua'i (refer to Ord. 885)</p>	<p>(a) All retail establishments shall provide only the following as checkout bags to customers: recyclable paper bags, biodegradable bags and/or reusable bags.</p> <p>(b) Nothing in this ordinance shall preclude any retail establishment from offering checkout bags for sale to customers.</p>

Definitions

Business	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 12-8	means a substance that can be broken down in the environment by natural process.

Biodegradable bag	
County of Kaua'i Ordinance No. 885	means a bag that: (1) contains no polymers derived from fossil fuels; and (2) is intended for single use and will decompose in a natural setting at a rate comparable to other biodegradable materials such as paper, leaves, and food waste. The Department of Public Works shall promulgate rules identifying bags meeting this definition. These rules shall also set forth an application process whereby a retail establishment can obtain determination whether a bag is a biodegradable bag.

Business	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 12-8	means any commercial enterprise or establishment, including sole proprietorships, joint ventures, partnerships and corporations, or any other legal entity, and includes any independent contractors associated with the business.

Checkout bag	
County of Kaua'i Ordinance No. 885	means a bag that is provided by a retail establishment at the checkstand, cash register, point of sale or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the establishment. Checkout bags does not include bags provided solely for produce, bulk food, or meat at a produce, bulk food or meat department within a grocery store, supermarket, produce or meat market or other similar retail establishment.

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Compostable plastic bag	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 14-29	means a checkout bag that is provided to a customer for the purpose of transporting groceries or other retail goods, that meets the current ASTM D6400 Standard Specifications for compostability and that is labeled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) With the Biodegradable Product Institute (BPI) logo as meeting the ASTM standard for compostability; and b) With “Compostable” on both sides of the bag in either green color lettering that is at least one inch in height, or as otherwise specified; or within a green color band that is at least one inch in height in order to be readily and easily identifiable Effective January 1, 2020, compostable plastic bags shall no longer be provided.
Customer	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 12-8	means a person who purchases merchandise from a business.
Department	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 12-8	means the department of environmental services.
Director	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 12-8	means the director of environmental services or the director’s designee.
Mil	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 12-8	means one thousandth of one inch.
Non-recyclable paper bag	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 12-8	means a paper bag that is not a recyclable paper bag.

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Plastic	
City & County of Honolulu Ordinance No. 19-30	means any material made of fossil fuel-derived or petrochemical polymeric compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow.

Plastic bag	
County of Maui Ordinance No. 3587	means a bag that is made from noncompostable plastic or compostable plastic, and is not specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re-use.

Plastic checkout bag	
City & County of Honolulu Ordinance No. 19-30	<p>(1) Means a carryout bag that is provided by a business to a customer for the purpose of transporting groceries, prepared food, or other retail goods, and is made from plastic and not specifically designed and manufactured for long-term re-use;</p> <p>(2) This term does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Handle-less plastic bags used by customers inside a business to package loose items, such as bakery goods, fruits, vegetables, nuts, ground coffee, grains, candies, or small hardware items; (B) Handle-less plastic bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, flowers or potted plants, or other items to contain dampness; (C) Newspaper bags for home newspaper delivery (D) Laundry, dry cleaning, or garment bags (E) Bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bags; (F) Bags used to contain live animals, such as fish or insects sold in pet stores; or (G) Bags used to transport chemical pesticides, drain-cleaning chemicals, or other caustic chemicals sold at the retail level; provided that this exemption shall be limited to one bag per customer.
County of Hawai'i Ordinance No. 12-1	means a carryout bag that is provided by a business to a customer for the purpose of transporting groceries or other retail goods, and that is made from non - compostable or compostable plastic and not specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re -use.

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Plastic film bag	
City & County of Honolulu Ordinance No. 19-30	<p>(1) Means a plastic bag made out of thin flexible sheets of plastic with a thickness of 10 mils or less;</p> <p>(2) This term does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (H) Handle-less plastic bags used by customers inside a business to package loose items, such as bakery goods, fruits, vegetables, nuts, ground coffee, grains, candies, or small hardware items; (I) Handle-less plastic bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, flowers or potted plants, or other items to contain dampness; (J) Newspaper bags for home newspaper delivery (K) Laundry, dry cleaning, or garment bags (L) Bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bags; (M) Bags used to contain live animals, such as fish or insects sold in pet stores; or (N) Bags used to transport chemical pesticides, drain-cleaning chemicals, or other caustic chemicals sold at the retail level; provided that this exemption shall be limited to one bag per customer.

Recyclable paper bag	
City & County of Honolulu Ord. 12-8	means a paper bag that: (1) is one hundred percent recyclable, (2) contains a minimum of forty percent post-consumer recycled content, and (3) displays the words "Reusable" and "Recyclable" in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bags.
County of Maui Ordinance No. 3587	means a paper bag that: (1) is one hundred percent recyclable, (2) contains a minimum of forty percent post-consumer recycled content, and (3) displays the words "Reusable" and "Recyclable" in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bags.
County of Kaua'i Ordinance No. 885	means a bag that meets all the following requirements: (1) contains no old growth fiber; (2) is one hundred percent (100%) recyclable overall and contains a minimum of forty percent (40%) post-consumer recycled content; and (3) displays the words "Reusable" and "Recyclable" in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bag.

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Retail Establishment	
County of Kaua'i Ordinance No. 885	means any commercial business facility that sells goods directly to the ultimate consumer, including, but not limited to, grocery stores, pharmacies, liquor stores, "mini-marts," and retail stores and vendors selling clothing, food and personal items. Retail establishments shall not include fundraisers by organizations classified under Section 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or non-incorporated community booster organizations.

Reusable bag	
City & County of Honolulu Ordinance No. 17-37	means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of: (1) cloth or other washable fabric; or (2) durable material suitable for reuse, including plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick. After January 1, 2020, plastic film bags shall no longer be considered to be "reusable bags."
County of Hawai'i Ordinance No. 12-1	means a bag that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re-use and is (1) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric or (2) made of paper specifically designed for multiple and long-term use.
County of Maui Ordinance No. 3587	means a bag that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re-use and is (1) made of cloth or other washable fabric, or (2) made of durable material suitable for reuse.
County of Kaua'i Ordinance No. 885	means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactures for multiple reuse and is made of cloth or other machine washable fabric and/or is made of a durable material at least 2.25 millimeters thick and suitable for reuse.

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Resources

For more information on each county's plastic bag regulations, refer to the links below.

City & County of Honolulu	https://www.opala.org/solid_waste/archive/plastic_bag_ban.html
County of Hawai'i	https://www.hawaiirowaste.org/reuse-2/county-of-hawaii-plastic-bag-reduction-ordinance-2/#:~:text=All%20County%20of%20Hawai'i,plastic%20carryout%20bags%20are%20prohibited.
County of Maui	https://www.mauicounty.gov/1688/Plastic-Bag-Reduction---BYOBag
County of Kaua'i	https://www.kauai.gov/plasticbagban