

## Bring Your Own Bag - San Diego

### Suggested bag specifications

In order to encourage the use of reusable bags, the bags need to be **quality bags that people WANT to use**. Here are some recommended qualities for reusable bags:

#### 1. Proposed ordinance requirements

In the single-use carryout bag reduction ordinance proposed by City of San Diego, the following are the requirements for reusable bags sold by stores subject to the ordinance:

- Bag shall have a **minimum useful life of 125 uses** which means the capacity to carry 22 pounds over a distance of at least 175 feet at least 125 times. If made of plastic, bag must be at least 2.25 mils thick.
- Bags **shall not contain lead** in an amount greater than 89 parts per million (ppm) **nor contain total heavy metals** (lead, hexavalent chromium, cadmium, and mercury) in an amount greater than 99 ppm.

#### 2. Recommended additional traits

**Machine washable** to prevent risk of cross-contamination, or wipeable

**Recycled content or reclaimed fabric** to close the recycling loop

**Capacity of at least 19 liters** to be large enough for loads of groceries

**No inserts or separate supports** that can break or get lost

**Made in the USA**