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January 1, 2021.

Thank you  
for not using me!

Ordinances  
19-3204, 19-3205  
and 19-3206  
prohibit retailers  
from providing single-  
use plastic carry-out  
bags and Styrofoam  
take-out containers,  
and providing plastic  
straws by request only.

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# Information on Summit's Single-use Plastics Ordinances

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## What bags are allowed?



Restrictions do not apply to garbage and pet waste bags, newspaper sleeves, laundry/dry cleaning bags or bags used to wrap baked goods, frozen food, meat, vegetables and bulk items.

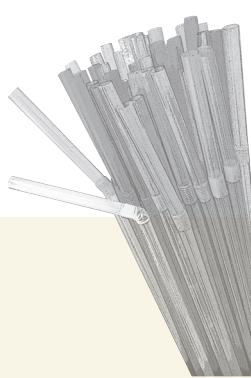
## What is banned and what is restricted?

- ⚠ A ban applies to all **single-use plastic carry-out bags**.  
Customers should bring their own bag or use an alternative provided by the retailer (for a cost or for free).
- ⚠ Businesses offering take-out food service will be required to find an alternative to **polystyrene containers**.
- ⚠ **Plastic straws** will be given by request only.

## Why are single-use plastics a problem?



Americans use **100 billion plastics bags** each year; only **1% are recycled**. They end up in landfills, waterways and neighborhoods.



Plastic straws are not recyclable. **Millions are used in the US every day.**



Carry-out plastic bags and Styrofoam containers can take up to **1000 years to decompose**.

