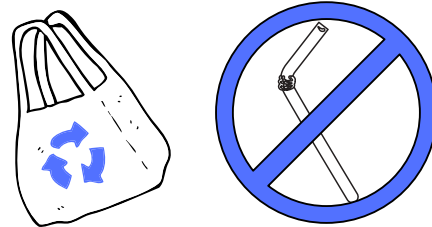


WEST COAST SINGLE-USE PLASTIC REGULATIONS

What Staff Need to Know

The following information has been developed to help businesses and staff answer questions about the new single-use plastics regulation bylaw.

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WHAT'S NEW

Starting June 8, 2019 (World Ocean's Day) businesses in Tofino and Ucluelet cannot provide customers with single-use plastic checkout bags or plastic straws.

WHY

Improperly disposed-of plastics litter communities, and can eventually end up in rivers and oceans where they break into small, toxic and unrecoverable pieces.

The new bylaw intends to reduce single-use plastic waste in our community, landfill and the marine environment.

What do I need to do at the checkout/counter?

- You must ask customers whether they need a bag.
- You must charge a minimum of 25 cents for a paper bag
- You must charge a minimum of \$2 for a reusable bag.
- You cannot provide a plastic straw.

NOTE: There are exceptions to this bylaw listed at www.tofino.ca/plastics and www.ucluelet.ca/plastics there is no minimum fee for small paper bags (less than 15 cm by 20 cm).

FAQ From Customers

What does the Bylaw mean?

Starting June 8th, businesses in Ucluelet and Tofino cannot provide customers with single-use plastic bags or plastic straws. Fees will be charged for paper and reusable bags.

Why charge a fee for paper and reusable bags?

In order to inhibit the over-use of paper and reusable bags, which also has environmental impacts, a small mandatory fee is used to encourage good consumer habits.

Why Plastic Bags and Straws?

The Districts of Tofino and Ucluelet are concerned about other single-use items and the waste that they generate, too. We are working to educate the public by making one important, small step at a time to reduce the negative impacts of single-use plastics.