

# Plastic Bag Ban Takes Effect in Unincorporated LA County

A ban effective today, July 1, will eliminate the use of plastic bags and charge shoppers 10 cents for all paper bags used to carry out items at stores in unincorporated Los Angeles County.

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A ban on plastic bags at large stores in unincorporated Los Angeles County communities goes into effect today.

Shoppers communities like Rowland Heights will be charged 10 cents per paper bag if they are needed to carry out groceries.

The ban on plastic bags for large stores begins today, July 1, and "small" stores will be required to comply with the county mandate by the start of 2012.

Only a few cities in the county have implemented similar bans and the Diamond Bar city council did not continue discussion of a [similar proposal made by an Advanced Placement environmental studies class from Diamond Bar High School](#) earlier this year.

Supervisor Don Knabe, whose district includes Rowland Heights and Diamond Bar, said he supported a single-use plastic bag ban but that would rather see a ban at the state level, "if there is going to be a ban," according to [a press release](#).

*Correction:* a previous version of this story indicated that a fee would be charged for plastic bags. Plastic bags have been banned; paper bags will still be available but will cost 10 cents.

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What do you think of the plastic bag ban? Do you shop often in neighboring Rowland Heights? **Tell us in the comments.**