

# UPDATE: Supes Greenlight Countywide Plastic Bag Ban Model

Unincorporated areas of the county will feel the impact first.

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The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously, 5-0, to approve a model ban on plastic bags by unincorporated areas of the county. The ban will go into effect April 22, 2013, giving businesses time to come up with plans to offer reusable bags.

“We’re going to devote time and energy over the coming months to reach out to consumers and businesses, educating them about the environmental benefits of the ordinance and giving them time to adjust,” said Board President Adrienne J. Tissier, who co-sponsored the ordinance with Supervisor Carole Groom.

The Environmental Impact Report the Board approved during the meeting indicates that 552 million plastic bags are used annually in the 24 cities and the unincorporated area of San Mateo County.

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