

Seattle Public Utilities

Seattle Bag Ban Update

Seattle City Council
Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic
Development & Arts Committee



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Background

- 2011 ordinance banning single-use and biodegradable carryout bags
- Bag bans around Washington and U.S.
- Compliance in Seattle
- Stakeholder feedback

Potential Next Steps

- Five cent paper bag charge sunset date
- Plastics contamination of food and yard waste
- Reusable bag cleanliness
- Bag ban compliance in small and independent stores
- Loose plastic bag impacts in curbside recycling
- Flexible packaging recyclable