

Town of York Bag Ordinance – Tips for York Lodging Providers

Things to Consider

- Use your email list to advise your incoming guests to the new ordinance. Assure them that all retailers will have some type of paper carryout bag available. Suggest they bring their own reusable bags from home if they already use them.
- Make sure your front desk employees are informed about the York ordinance so they can share that with guests when appropriate.
- Make a decision about what approach you will take to assist your guests. Will you:
 1. Place a message in your welcome literature to your guests simply alerting them to the ordinance.
 2. Provide them with a standard or customized bag in their room that they can take home.
 3. Sell a customized and low-markup reusable bag in your gift shop or at your front desk.
 4. Include a supply of bags with the rental property that is part of the inventory of the property.

See suggested text to guests below.

To Our Guests



With the aim of protecting the beauty and health of our coastal community, single-use plastic carryout bags will no longer be distributed at retail establishments in York beginning this year. While York merchants will have alternative carryout bags available, the intent of our ordinance is to encourage the long-term use of reusable bags. Many retailers in town have reusable bags available for purchase.

[For establishments that want to inform their guests of the ordinance but do not want to provide bags for their use. You could also offer customized bags in your gift shop or at your front desk for sale. If you are going to have a bag for sale, add that to your note. If not, one source of reusable bags you might mention is the gift shop at Sohier Park (Nubble). They will be selling a value-priced reusable bag in the shop this coming season featuring the lighthouse logo and a “bring your own bag” message.]

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[For establishments that wish to provide a free customized or generic reusable bag to their guests to take home.]

Tips for York Lodging Providers (Cont'd)

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With the aim of protecting the beauty and health of our coastal community, single-use plastic carryout bags will no longer be distributed at retail establishments in York beginning this year. The intent of the York ordinance is to encourage the long-term use of reusable bags. For your convenience, we have added reusable bags to the house inventory for use while you are visiting. In addition, York merchants will have alternative paper carryout bags available.

[For those renting houses and where you plan to clean the bags between guests. Tip: Natural fiber bags are easy to wash. You might also use sets of bags that you can alternate so one set is always ready for guests.]

The messages above can be easily relayed on simple tent or flat cards, tags tied onto bags you provide, or included in your welcome materials to your guests.

For more information on the York Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bag Ordinance, visit: www.BYOBYork.org