



Bring Your Own Bag, Chicago!

Starting February 1, 2017, the \$.07 Chicago Checkout Bag Tax will be collected on all disposable paper and plastic bags used in Chicago.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- In an effort to reduce the number of disposable bags used in Chicago, the City is implementing a tax on disposable paper and plastic bags used to carry goods out of stores,
- Businesses will begin collecting a \$0.07 tax on disposable paper and plastic bags on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.
- There are multiple disposable bag exemptions, including:

Paper and plastic bags used to package loose bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, cookies or small hardware items or to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, whether prepackaged or not

Bags provided by a pharmacist to contain prescription drugs, dry cleaning or garment bags and newspaper bags

Bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage bags, pet waste bags or yard waste bags

Bags provided by a dine-in or take-out restaurant to contain food or drink purchased by the restaurant's customers

Start the habit now, and bring your own bag! #BYOBag

