

IT'S TIME TO GIVE PLASTIC BAGS THE FLICK!

From 1 November 2013
retailers are banned from
providing non-biodegradable
lightweight plastic
shopping bags.



Say Goodbye to
Plastic Shopping Bags

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WHICH PLASTIC BAGS ARE RESTRICTED?



Lightweight plastic shopping bags

The retail supply of non-biodegradable lightweight plastic shopping bags (including bags labelled as 'degradable') less than 35 microns in thickness.

WHICH BAGS ARE ALLOWED?



Reusable plastic bags

Remember to take your reusable bags with you every time you shop. Keep them clean so retail workers can fill them.



Heavier retail plastic bags

These sturdier plastic bags are typically used by clothing and department stores and can be reused.



Compostable biodegradable plastic bags (AS4736 compliant)

Bags compliant with Australian Standard AS4736 will break down into compost in a commercial composting environment.



Plastic packing bags

Barrier bags used for fruit and vegetables, and product packaging, are important for food hygiene.



Paper bags and bags made of natural fibres

Paper bags are reusable and can be easily recycled. Hessian, hemp, calico and other cotton bags can be reused for many years.