


## WHICH PLASTIC BAGS ARE RESTRICTED IN TASMANIA?

	<p><b>Lightweight bags</b> The retail supply of lightweight plastic shopping bags (including bags labelled as 'degradable') less than 35 microns in thickness will be restricted.</p>
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## WHICH BAGS ARE ALLOWED IN TASMANIA?

	<p><b>1. Plastic packing</b> Barrier bags used for fruit and vegetables, and product packaging, are important for hygiene.</p>
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**2. Heavier retail bags made of thicker plastic**

Often called boutique bags, these are typically used by clothing and department stores and can be reused.



**3. Reusable plastic bags**

Reusable plastic bags now come in all shapes and sizes. Choose bags that you are comfortable to use and that can be kept in your handbag or in the car, ready to take into the shop!



**4. Compostable biodegradable plastic bags (AS 4736 compliant)**

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



**5. Paper bags and bags made of natural fibres**

Paper bags can be reused and break down quickly in a composting environment. Hessian, calico, hemp and cotton bags can be reused for many years.

You can find a [list of suppliers of re-usable bags](#) on the EPA website.