

Falmouth Maine – Beginning April 1, 2016

New Single Use Bags to Cost 5 Cents

Beginning April 1, 2016, single use paper and plastic shopping bags will cost 5 cents each at certain stores. You can avoid the cost of single use bags by using reusable bags.

Stores include: ***Hannaford, Shaw's, Goodwill, Rite Aid, Staples and Walmart***

Why can't I just throw plastic bags in my recycling?

ecomaine does not want plastic bags and other thin film plastic in your curb side recycling because it jams their sorting machines.

BUT....You CAN recycle plastic bags and other thin film plastic (if it's clean and dry)

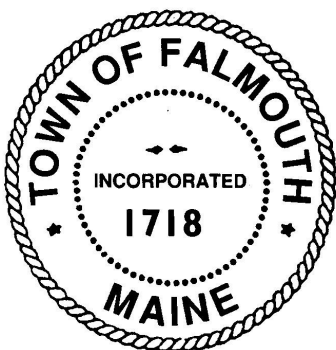
Maine law requires retailers who provide plastic bags to have a receptacle near the entrance to collect them for recycling. This law was put into effect in 1991! There are many other kinds of thin film plastic you can recycle at these locations as well:

Plastic bags such as:

- newspaper bags
- dry cleaning bags
- produce and bread bags
- food storage/sandwich bags

Other thin film plastics include:

- furniture wrap
- shipping envelopes
- bubble wrap
- plastic around bulk items
(like paper towels & water bottles)



For More Information:

- Visit the Town's website at www.falmouthmme.org
- www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
- www.ecomaine.org