

Appendix A

Plastic Bags

“Plastic retail shopping bag” means a bag made of plastic film, designed to carry customer purchases from a store.

“Plastic retail shopping bag” does not include:

- bags used by customers inside stores to package bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy or small hardware items such as nails and bolts;
- bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, whether pre-packaged or not, flowers or potted plants;
- bags used to protect prepared foods or bakery goods;
- bags provided by pharmacists to contain prescription drugs, newspaper bags, door-hanger bags, laundry-dry cleaning bags, or bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste, yard waste, or recycling bags.

“Reusable container” means a bag, box or other container that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is (A) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric; or (B) made of other durable material suitable for reuse.

“Biodegradable plastic bag” or “compostable plastic bags” means any bag which is composed of, in whole or part, biodegradable plastic, Oxo-biodegradable plastics, Plastarch material, polylactide or any other plastic resin composite that is intended to degrade at a faster rate than non-biodegradable plastic film.

Plastic bags that are not compatible with the City of Toronto Blue Bin program include biodegradable plastic bags, compostable plastic bags and/or plastic retail shopping bags which contain metal grommets, string, cord, cloth or other non plastic material.