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Earth Day Reminder From City: Please Avoid Plastic Bags!

Edmonds, WA - In recognition of Earth Day this week, the City of Edmonds is reminding people about the City's plastic bag regulations. In an effort to better protect the environment, in the summer of 2009 Edmonds became the first city in the state to ban plastic bags. Since then, several jurisdictions around the state have followed suit, including Seattle, Bellingham, Shoreline, Mukilteo, Olympia, Issaquah, Kirkland, Bainbridge Island, Port Townsend and all of Thurston County.

"We're proud that Edmonds has led the way in helping protect our environment and marine life by reducing the use of plastic bags in our community," says Edmonds Mayor David Earling. "We're grateful to the citizens of Edmonds for their support on this important issue."

In Edmonds, only reusable or recyclable paper bags are allowed at check-out stands of retail establishments and restaurants. Exceptions to the regulation include: plastic bags for meat, produce and/or bulk products or for take-out food from eating establishments. For more information, the applicable code provisions can be reviewed in Section 6.80 of the Edmonds City Code, viewable at <http://edmondswa.gov/rules-and-regulations.html>.

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