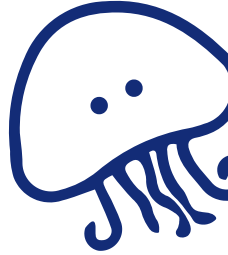


7 reasons why a Plastic Bag Fee makes good sense for Virginia Beach

- Virginians use nearly 3 billion bags annually, and they are one of the most commonly littered items in Virginia Beach.
- Billions of plastic bags end up in landfills, farm fields, and waterways. They never completely go away, and they break down into microplastics that contaminate our air, food, and wildlife.
- Recycling and trash clean-ups are not enough to solve our plastic pollution problem.
- The 5 cent bag fee **only applies when shoppers choose to use plastic bags**. If a family used 100 plastic bags a year, it would cost \$5.
- Reducing plastic bag usage promotes social equity because plastic pollution more greatly impacts low-income communities. Cities can use the fee to provide free reusable bags to those in need.
- To decrease plastic pollution, 84% of Virginians are willing to use reusable bags instead of single-use bags according to the 2022 VA Marine Debris Reduction Plan report.
- Our neighbors, Alexandria City, Arlington County, Fairfax City, Fairfax County, Falls Church City, Fredericksburg City, Loudon County, Roanoke City, Albemarle County, and Charlottesville City have adopted the Plastic Bag Fee.



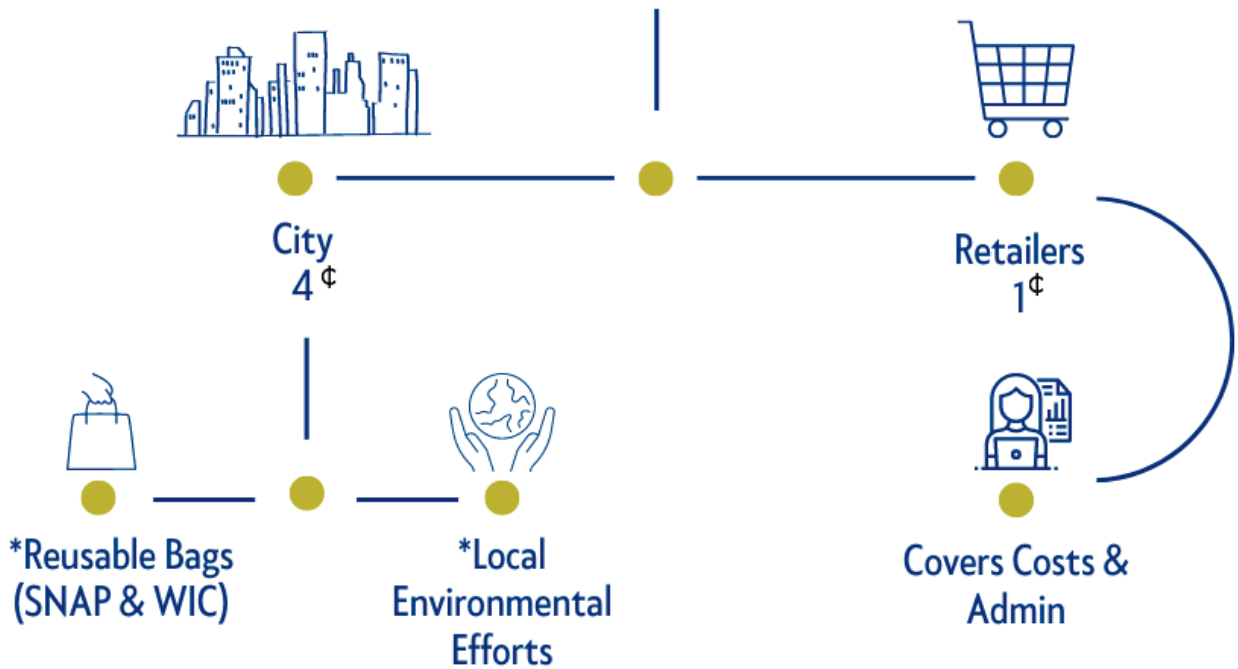
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Where does the VB Plastic Bag Fee go?



Charge 5¢



* Legislation stipulates all City revenue must be used for specific Environmental efforts



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