

Complete Policy Title: <b>Plastic Bag Policy</b>	Policy Number (if applicable): <b>N/A</b>
Approved by: <b>Vice-President (Administration)</b>	Date of Most Recent Approval: <b>July 2009</b>
Date of Original Approval(s): <b>N/A</b>	Supersedes/Amends Policy dated: <b>N/A</b>
Responsible Executive: <b>Manager, University Sustainability</b>	Enquiries: <a href="#">Manager, University Sustainability</a>
<i><b>DISCLAIMER:</b> If there is a Discrepancy between this electronic policy and the written copy held by the policy owner, the written copy prevails</i>	

### **Plastic Bag Policy**

The distribution of plastic bags intended for single use is banned at McMaster University effective January 1, 2010.

The following alternatives are permitted, ranked in terms of preference:

1. Reusable bags made from biodegradable or cloth material
2. Reusable bags made from non-biodegradable material
3. Paper bags
4. Biodegradable plastic bags intended for single use

#### **Definitions:**

Plastic bag – a bag made from plastic film, which is intended for single use and designed to carry goods.

Biodegradable plastic bag – any bag which is composed, in whole or part, of 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.

Paper bag – a bag that does not contain mixed material, such as plastic or foil, and is recyclable.