

How to Request No Plastic Bag for Your Delivered Newspaper

Although plastic bags can be useful to protect newspapers delivered to your home during rainy weather, many newspaper carriers routinely use plastic bags throughout the year regardless of the weather. One way to reduce the unnecessary use of plastic bags, and to help keep our creeks and Bay free of plastic bags, is to request that your newspaper be delivered in a plastic bag only when rain is expected.

Call your newspaper and ask that your paper only be delivered in a plastic bag when necessary. The newspaper's customer service representative will send the request to your carrier. Most newspapers do not have a policy on when plastic bags should be used, but leave this decision to the individual carriers' discretion. Contact information for the customer service department of many of the newspapers delivered in the Regional Water Quality Control Plant's service area is provided in the table below.

Newspaper	Phone Number
• New York Times	800-NYTIMES (698-4637)
• Palo Alto Daily News	650-391-1000
• San Francisco Chronicle	415-777-7000
• San Jose Mercury News	800-870-6397
• The Wall Street Journal	800-JOURNAL (568-7625)
• USA Today	800-872-0001

