

“ As a promotional stunt, a bowling ball-size Super Ball was made and dropped from a 23rd floor rooftop. On its first rebound it smashed a convertible car to bits. ”



The Californians Against Waste website ([www.cawrecycles.org](http://www.cawrecycles.org)) estimates 34- to 107 million dollars is spent each year to manage plastic bag litter in California. Of the 13 billion plastic bags distributed annually, only 3 percent are recycled. In the state of California alone, approximately 400 single-use plastic bags are thrown away per second.

But there's good news! Effective January 1 of this year, the City of Los Angeles adopted an ordinance banning single-use plastic grocery bags and placing a 10-cent minimum price requirement on paper bags. Other cities with bans in place include West Hollywood, Culver City, Huntington Beach, Long Beach, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Glendale and Pasadena. To date, 100 California cities and counties have voted to ban single-use plastic bags, covering 31 percent of the state's population.