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Wawa Launches *Skip the Bag for Good* Initiative, in all Philadelphia Wawa Stores Beginning October 1, 2021
As Philadelphia's Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags Goes into Effect, Wawa Offers 1,000 Free Reusable Bags, with a purchase, in all 42 Philadelphia Wawa Stores

Philadelphia, PA (October 1, 2021) As Philadelphia's ban on single-use plastic bags goes into effect for all retailers, Wawa is launching its *Skip the Bag for Good* Initiative to make the transition away from single-use plastic bags as easy and meaningful as possible for customers.

On October 1, Wawa is kicking off the initiative by offering 1,000 FREE reusable bags, with a purchase, in every Philadelphia store, while supplies last, starting at 7:00 a.m. Moving forward, Wawa will offer Philadelphia customers a value-priced, \$0.25 reusable bag as an option to use at Wawa and beyond, while encouraging customers to bring in their own reusable bags or skip using a bag altogether.

"We thank our customers for joining Wawa and the City of Philadelphia in our journey to 'skip the bag for good' as we work together to keep our community safe, scenic and sustainable," said Becky Altemus, Wawa's Director of Operations for its Philadelphia stores. "Shopping with a reusable bag is a change of habit for many people that can reduce our long-term impact on the environment, and we are excited to do our part to support our community."

As part of its *Skip the Bag for Good* initiative, Wawa will work to educate both customers and store associates on the new legislation, as well as the impact single-use plastic bags have on the environment and the benefits of reusable bags. Beyond this mandate from the City of Philadelphia, and as part of Wawa's long-term commitment to protecting the environment, Wawa will continue to take steps to reduce single-use plastic bags consumption in all stores.



About Wawa, Inc.

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and "certified" process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960s, Grahame Wood, George's grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for freshly prepared foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services and surcharge-free ATMs. A chain of more than 930 convenience retail stores, Wawa stores are in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Washington, D.C. The stores offer a large fresh foodservice selection, including Wawa brands such as custom prepared hoagies, freshly brewed coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, specialty beverages and an assortment of soups, sides and snacks.