



Date: December 10, 2025
Product/material: Wood chip (shavings, peat moss, straw) bags
Re: Important changes to ecofees on wood chip bags effective January 1, 2026.

IMPORTANT CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

- An ecofee of \$0.60/kg will be applied to paper (in addition to plastic) wood chip bags.
- The ecofee on plastic wood chip bags increases from \$0.55/kg to \$0.60/kg.

Background

Section 53.0.8 of the [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises \(RRVPE\)](#) identifies the types of agricultural plastics or bags that are subject to the requirements of the RRVPE.

(2) other bags designed and intended for agricultural purposes, such as grain bags and grain silo bags, woodchip bags known as “shavings”...

The intent of the RRVPE is to include all ag plastics and packaging used in agriculture; this includes any material such as plastic, paper, multi material, mylar, foil or other. Cleanfarms' programming accepts all types of wood chip bags.

Ecofees on paper wood chip bags begin January 1, 2026

In previous years, members paid ecofees on plastic bags only. Starting January 1, 2026, fees will be applicable to paper bags as well.

Members will notice this change when they report first quarter data in April 2026.

Farmers are presently returning their empty paper wood chip bags to collection sites and these new ecofees ensure that costs are fairly allocated.

Ecofees on plastic wood chip bags increase January 1, 2026

Ecofees on plastic wood chip bags have remained unchanged since April 1, 2024. They will increase from \$0.55/kg to \$0.60/kg effective January 1, 2026 due to increased collection costs.

For more information

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