

# Disposable Carrier Bag Charge Report 2024

## About the Disposable Carrier Bag Charge (DCBC)

Phoon Huat recognises the critical role that businesses play in addressing environmental challenges. In alignment with Singapore's Resource Sustainability Act 2019, we implemented a charge of \$0.05 to \$0.20 per disposable carrier bag across all retail outlets with effect from 3 July 2023.

The charge applies uniformly to all disposable carrier bags, including plastic, paper, and biodegradable materials, to encourage customers to adopt more sustainable shopping habits.

## Our Responsibilities as a Retailer

Phoon Huat is committed to implementing the DCBC with transparency, integrity, and accountability. All proceeds collected are fully channelled towards sustainability and community-focused initiatives.

This report provides an update on:

- Total number of disposable carrier bags issued
- Total DCBC proceeds collected
- Allocation of proceeds to support meaningful sustainability and community programmes

## About This Report

This inaugural DCBC report covers the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. It outlines the measurable impact of the DCBC initiative and details how the proceeds have been allocated to support sustainability and community initiatives.

## External Assurance

An independent auditor has verified the accuracy of the number of disposable carrier bags issued, the total DCBC proceeds collected, and the application of these proceeds.

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<sup>1</sup> Small to large-sized plastic carriers are charged at \$0.05/pc, while extra-large ones are charged at \$0.20/pc.

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Sales Proceeds from Disposable Carrier Bag Charge (DCBC) Collected by Retail Outlets  
for the Period from 1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2024

	DCBC proceeds collected Audited
Quantities of Disposal Carrier Bags sold	88,919
Sales proceeds inclusive of GST	\$ 8,692.99
Less: GST at 9% paid to Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore*	<u>-\$ 717.77</u>
<b>Sales proceeds net of GST at 9%</b>	<b><u>\$7,975.22</u></b>
Use of the Sales Proceeds	
Donation made to Presbyterian Community Services	\$ 3,000.00
Cost to fund Phoon Huat's baking classes (details provided in next page)	\$ 1,000.00
Balance amount to be disbursed to other charity causes by 30 April 2026	<u>\$ 3,975.22</u>
<b>Sales proceeds</b>	<b><u>\$7,975.22</u></b>

\* The DCBC was collected by Phoon Huat's registered-SFA-supermarket licensed outlets  
in the above disclosure period

## Key Programs and Initiatives in 2024

All the DCBC proceeds have been designated to support community partners, solely for **Presbyterian Community Services (PCS)** in terms of monetary support. Other partner who benefits indirectly from DCBC is **Connexions Integrated Learning Hub**.

- PCS supports individuals and families in need within the community.
- Connexions Integrated Learning Hub empowers at-risk youth and trainees with special needs through education and life-skills programmes.

Together, these organisations launched the **Intergenerational Baking and Craft Initiative**, bringing together seniors from PCS and trainees with special needs from Connexions to jointly produce festive cookies. The initiative promotes social inclusion while creating sustainable micro-job opportunities.

Phoon Huat supported this initiative through:

- A **\$3,000 donation** to PCS
- **\$1,021.07 from the DCBC balance** was used to partially cover the operating costs of baking classes, including (but not limited to) baking ingredients, chef fees, and promotional marketing materials.
- Provision of the Baking Studio at a nominal fee
- Promotion of the festive cookies at **Star Vista** through in-store posters and sampling activities

## Impact on Waste Reduction

Since the implementation of the DCBC, Phoon Huat has achieved encouraging outcomes:

- Reduction in Usage: A 13% decrease in disposable carrier bags issued compared to the same period in 2023

These results demonstrate the positive behavioural shift towards reduced single-use bag consumption.

## Sustainability Journey

Sustainability has long been a core focus at Phoon Huat. From responsible sourcing to reducing operational waste, we continue to strengthen our environmental stewardship. The DCBC initiative builds upon these ongoing efforts by encouraging mindful consumption and reducing single-use waste.

### **Key Sustainability Programs and Initiatives**

As part of our broader sustainability roadmap, Phoon Huat has undertaken the following initiatives:

- Eco-Packaging Transition: Introduction of biodegradable and reusable packaging options for RedMan products
- Employee Engagement: Conducted internal training sessions to align employees with sustainability objectives and foster environmentally responsible practices

Phoon Huat remains committed to advancing sustainable retail practices while making a positive impact on the communities we serve.

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