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REDWAY & GARBERVILLE GROCERS SHELVE PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

Both supermarkets hope the change will help reduce waste in southern Humboldt

BROOKINGS, OR (May 27, 2010) – Shop Smart Food Warehouse in Redway, CA and Ray's Food Place in Garberville, CA have stopped using plastic bags when bagging customers grocery orders. Instead, customers are encouraged to use their own bags or reuse the stores paper bags. Aaron Sandahl, store manager for both Ray's and Shop Smart estimates that by not using the plastic bags, both stores will combine to remove 7,000 bags each week from potentially ending up in the trash.

"We listened to our customers and we are happy to be able to make a change that the majority wanted to see" explained Sandahl. "It gives us a way to encourage our customers to reduce, reuse and recycle. We are trying to do our part for tomorrow."

The stores began with this new program May 7 and have been encouraged by the response customers have had to the new "greener" policy.

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About C&K Market, Inc.

C&K Market, Inc. is a family-owned company based in Brookings, Oregon. The company operates Ray's Food Place full service grocery stores, Shop Smart and Price Less Foods stores offering everyday low pricing in a warehouse format. In 1956, Raymond L. Nidiffer, "Ray," purchased a one-half interest in the C&K Market located in Brookings, buying out Kimberly and joining Collins in the C&K partnership. In 1969, Collins decided to retire and sold his interest to Ray. As the sole owner of the corporation, Ray began growing the company. Now under the leadership of Ray's son, Doug Nidiffer, C&K operates 60 stores in Oregon and California. More information can be found at www.ckmarket.com or www.shopsmartfoods.com