

Monterey County Fair Clear Bag Policy 2022

To provide a safer environment for our patrons, Monterey County Fair has decided to implement a clear bag policy that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into the Monterey Fair & Event Center. We strongly encourage patrons to not bring any type of bags, but outlined below is what is permissible.

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12."
 - One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar).
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the fairgrounds with one of the clear plastic bags. The clutch can no exceed the size of 4.5" x 6.5".
- An exception will be made for diaper bags, approved camelbaks (up to 2L, Max Dimensions 16.5X11.8X7.7), and any medical-related bags after proper inspection.

For your convenience, Monterey County Fair Heritage Foundation branded clear plastic tote bags are available for purchase on-site at our ticket booths. You can also purchase a non-branded clear bag in various places, like Amazon.

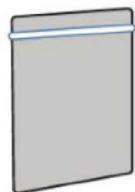
NOW IN EFFECT: CLEAR BAG POLICY

ALL BAGS SUBJECT TO SEARCH UPON ENTRY INTO
MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR AND EVENT CENTER

APPROVED BAGS



Clear Plastic Bag



1- Gallon Plastic Freezer Bag



Clear Purse



Clear Fanny Pack



Clutch with shoulder strap
(No larger than 5" x 8")



Clutch with wrist strap
(No larger than 5" x 8")

NON-APPROVED BAGS



Purse



Backpack



Clear Backpacks
(Larger than 12 x 6 x 12)



Binoculars Case



Camera Case



Tinted Plastic Bag



Oversized Tote Bag



Printed Pattern Plastic Bag



Fanny Pack



Seat Cushion



Mesh Bag

NO BAGS LARGER THAN 12" x 6" x 12"

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the Monterey County Fair & Event Center implementing a clear bag policy?

Due to the pandemic and in our efforts to be 'touchless' we would prefer to see what is inside of bags to limit bag searches at the gate. In addition, we would like to take further measures to ensure the safety of everyone participating in the Monterey County Fair.

Are other events limiting bags?

Yes. Live Nation venues, the Salinas Sports Complex and the NFL have a clear bag policy. Some venues do not permit any bags to be brought inside.

How does the new policy improve public safety?

The clear bag is easily searched and significantly reduces faulty bag searches. It also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

Do I have to put everything I'm carrying into the permissible bags?

No. Fans are limited only to the type of bags carried into the fairgrounds, not items that they may normally bring to Monterey County Fair that fit in pockets or clutch bags (e.g., keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards). Fair patrons may also use the clear bag and clutch to carry these items and other permissible items. Every member of the family may carry in a permissible bag.

What about diaper bags?

Diapers and non-medically necessary items for babies and young children are permitted. These are however, subject to search.

How many bags may each person bring into the Fairgrounds?

One large clear bag - either a one-gallon Ziploc style bag or the 12" x 6" x 12" clear bag - plus a small clutch that does not exceed 4.5" x 6.5". The small clutch allows privacy for small personal items and also is easily searched.

If I have certain items that I need to bring into the fairgrounds for medical reasons and they won't fit in the clear bag, what do I do?

There will be designated entrances to allow screening of these bags and medically necessary items.

Are all purses prohibited?

No. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle or strap, that do not exceed 4.5" x 6.5" are permitted along with either the 12" x 6" x 12" clear tote bag or the one-gallon freezer bag. Fair patrons are encouraged not to bring any bags, but the policy has been created to balance fair patron needs with improved public safety and convenience.

Does this bag policy apply to credentialed individuals (e.g., media, staff)?

There will be an exception specifically for "credentialed" individuals who bring bags that do not meet the policy guidelines. However, their bags will still be searched prior to entry, and only bags that pass the inspection will be allowed into the venue.