## HOW TO USE YOUR OWN DURABLE/REUSABLE CONTAINERS AT THE NORTH COAST CO-OP

**DRINKS** – Smoothies, juices, kombucha, espresso, tea and nitro coffee

- 1. Bring your own durable cup to the counter and order your drink. A barista will hand you an order slip with the price of your drink.
- 2. Take the slip to checkout. You'll receive a 25 cent discount for using your own durable cup.
- 3. Pick up your drink.

## **BUY BEVERAGES IN RETURNABLE BOTTLES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE** such as milk, It's Alive Kombucha, etc.

**DELI COLD CASE** -- Entrees, sandwiches, sliced meats and cheeses.

- Ask a Deli Clerk to fill your own durable container. Our clerks will mark the tare weight of your empty container and fill it with food. [No tare weight is needed for sandwiches and other individually price items.)
- 2. Once filled, they will provide a sticker with the price.
- 3. Take containers to checkout --- you won't be charged for your container's weight.

**FULL-SERVICE BAKERY CASE** – Cakes, pies, cookies and more behind the glass case.

- 1. Notify a Bakery Clerk that you've brought your own durable container and place your order. The friendly clerks will fill your order with baked goods and give you a sticker with the price. [No tare weight is needed for individually priced items.]
- 2. Take containers to checkout.

**SELF-SERVE BAKERY CASE** – Scones, croissants, breads, etc. inside and outside of the case.

- 1. Use the tongs to place goodies in your own durable/reusable container.
- 2. List the quantity and Item Number for each item. You can use the stickers and pens provided.
- 3. Take containers to checkout.

## **MEAT COUNTER**

1. Ask a Meat Clerk to fill your own durable container. The clerks will weigh your order, put it in your container, and provide a price sticker.

**BULK DRY FOODS AND STICKY STUFF** – Grains, spices, honey, molasses, nut butters, etc.

- 1. Bring a container from home or purchase one from the Co-op. Have your own container weighed at Customer Service before filling up so you aren't charged for the container's weight, just the food inside. If you are reusing a container with a barcode, draw a parallel line through the barcode to prevent it from scanning at checkout.
- 2. Fill your container with as much as you want.
- 3. Write the Co-op Item Number on the container. You can use the Co-op pens and stickers.
- 4. Take it to the checkout counter. Inform the cashier if you are purchasing on of the Co-op's containers, so you won't be charged for the container's weight.

**BULK LIQUIDS** – Extracts, oils, sauces, vinegars, soaps, detergents, etc.

- 1. Bring a reusable container from home or purchase one from the Co-op. Make surer the container has the fluid ounces clearly labeled. If not, go to Customer Service to ask them to measure your container BEFORE FILLING so you aren't charged for excess volume.
- 2. Fill your container with as much as you want.
- 3. Write the Co-op Item Number on the container; you can use the Co-op pens and stickers.
- 4. Take it to checkout. Inform the cashier if you are purchasing a Co-op container. The Co-op's trained cashiers will do a visual inspection to determine how many fluid ounces you are purchasing. You'll only be charged by how full the container is.

**HOT & COLD SELF-SERVE AREAS** – Hot bar, hot soup, olive bar, salad bar full-service areas.

- 1. Tell the Deli Clerk that you've brought your own durable container when you place your order. The clerk will mark the tare weight of your empty container and fill it for you. [Per Public Health Safety Code 114075, customers cannot serve themselves due to the potential risk of cross-contamination.]
- 2. Take your container to checkout. You won't be charged for your container's weight.

## **ADDITIONAL ZERO WASTE SHOPPING POINTERS:**