

Red-Lined Tracked Changes, Maximum Allowed Virgin Material in Plastic Trash Bags and Can Liners

On August 20, 2024, Green Seal issued an updated edition of the following standard:

- GS-60 Standard, Plastic Trash Bags and Can Liners

Existing criteria was revised in the following section of the standard:

- Section 3.1, Maximum Allowed Virgin Material

Guide to the Red-Lined Tracked Changes

Text in the boxes below shows the details of the revisions.

The **red text** shows text has been added. The text ~~with strikethrough lines~~ has been deleted.

Revisions to Criteria for Product Requirements – Maximum Allowed Virgin Material

In the product-specific sustainability requirements section of each standard, the requirements for virgin plastic use reduction have been adjusted based on a strengthened dataset. The smallest size category has been expanded to include 7-, 8-, and 9-gallon bags. The 20-30 gallon and 31-39 gallon size categories have been consolidated into one category.

3.1 Maximum Allowed Virgin Material. Products that use virgin material shall not exceed the amounts of virgin material per liner, as outlined in the table below:

Product Size	Maximum Weight of Virgin Plastic in Liner (lbs.) ^(a)
7 – 10 gallons	0.011 0.012
11 – 19 gallons	0.015 0.018
20 – 30 39 gallons	0.036 0.045
31 – 39 gallons	0.041
40 – 49 gallons	0.046 0.059
> 50 gallons	0.070 0.071

^(a) Represents the top 30% of the market per size category

3.1.1 Liner Weight Calculations. The weight of virgin plastic in a product shall be calculated following the equation in Annex B.

Additional Information

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