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Why Walmart is eliminating single-use bags in some states but not others

New York — Walmart will eliminate single-use paper and plastic carryout bags at the register from stores in New York, Connecticut and Colorado this month.

The company previously stopped giving out single-use plastic bags in New York and Connecticut and in some areas in Colorado. Walmart offers reusable shopping bags starting at 74 cents for customers without their own bags.

Walmart is trying to get ahead of legislation in some states that are cracking down on plastics. Many customers are also demanding change, and Walmart has outlined corporate environmental goals to achieve zero waste in its US operations by 2025.

Source:
<https://edition.cnn.com/2023/01/12/business/walmart-plastic-bag-bans-grocery-stores/index.html>

In State Legislatures, Old Rivalries Are Reheated by National Politics

WASHINGTON — Rural legislators have looked down on big cities, and urban pols have returned the favor, since the farmer-statesman Thomas Jefferson called urban areas “pestilential to the morals, the health and the liberties of man.” But for most of American history, the rivalry has played out in state politics more so as a matter of parochial divisions than national ones.

Now, a dispute in Nashville raises the question of whether the nation’s barbed political divide — which splinters along the rural-urban axis as well — is infusing old local antagonisms with contemporary partisan acrimony.

Source:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/27/us/politics-republicans-democrats-state-legislature.html>



Videojet Launches a Safer, More Sustainable Ink for Plastic Substrates

CHICAGO - Videojet Technologies, a global leader in coding, marking and printing solutions with over 40 years of world-class inkjet fluid design experience, has announced the launch of patent-pending continuous inkjet (CIJ) inks, V4264 and V464. These non-MEK black inks demonstrate excellent adhesion to flexible food packaging and feature lower make-up consumption than comparable MEK-based inks. Ideal for printing codes and other information on plastics as well as on metal and glass substrates, the inks are engineered for use in Videojet CIJ printers.

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