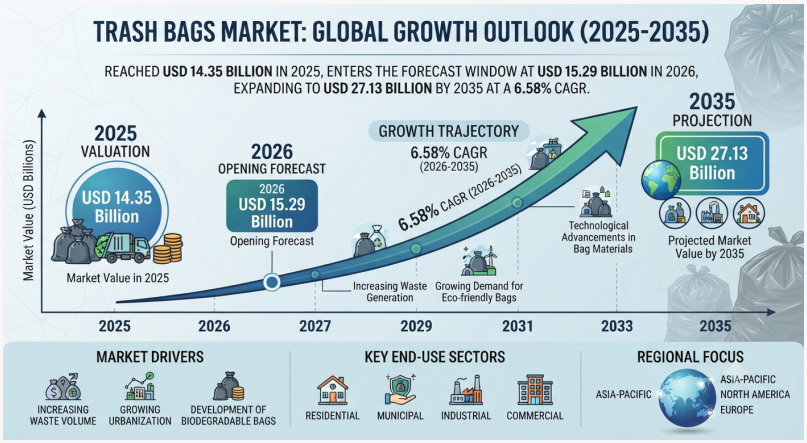
Trash Bags Market Outlook: 6.58% CAGR (2026–2035), Reaching $27.13 Billion by 2035

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, September 15, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- The global trash bags market is evolving rapidly as urbanization, rising waste generation, changing consumer preferences, sustainability initiatives, and stricter plastic regulations reshape the waste-management industry. Trash bags have become an essential component of residential, commercial, institutional, healthcare, hospitality, and industrial waste collection systems.



Trash Bags Market

According to the latest Market Research Future (MRFR) analysis, the global trash bags market was valued at approximately USD 14.35 billion in 2025 and is projected to reach USD 15.29 billion in 2026. The market is expected to expand to approximately USD 27.13 billion by 2035, registering a 6.58% CAGR between 2026 and 2035.

What Are Trash Bags?
Trash bags are flexible bags used to collect, contain, transport, and dispose of household, commercial, institutional, and industrial waste. They are manufactured in different sizes, thicknesses, shapes, and material compositions depending on their intended application.

Common materials include:

High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE)

Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE)

Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE)

Bio-based and biodegradable plastics such as PLA, PBAT, and PHA

Product designs include drawstring bags, star-sealed bags, flat-sealed bags, T-shirt bags, and twist-tie bags.

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Key Factors Driving the Trash Bags Market
Growing Urbanization and Waste Generation
Rapid urbanization is creating significant demand for organized waste collection and disposal systems. As cities expand and household consumption increases, municipalities and private waste-management companies require reliable containment solutions.

The expansion of formal waste collection in emerging markets is particularly important. Greater collection coverage converts waste that was previously dumped or burned into waste that can be collected and transported using standardized bags and containers.

Increasing Environmental Awareness
Consumers and businesses are becoming more conscious of the environmental impact of conventional plastic products. This is encouraging manufacturers to develop recyclable, biodegradable, compostable, and bio-based trash bags.

Sustainability is no longer limited to consumer preferences. Regulatory requirements relating to recycled content and plastic waste are also influencing procurement decisions in major markets.

Growth of Institutional Waste Management
Healthcare facilities, hotels, restaurants, schools, offices, and other institutions require specialized waste-containment products.

The institutional segment, which includes hospitality, healthcare, and education, is projected to be one of the fastest-growing end-user categories, with MRFR forecasting approximately 7.20% CAGR through 2035.

Expansion of E-Commerce
E-commerce and online grocery delivery are generating additional waste streams, particularly in fulfillment centers, dark stores, warehouses, and residential settings.

Online grocery operations can create high concentrations of packaging and back-of-house waste, increasing demand for durable liners with improved puncture resistance and containment performance.

Major Challenges Facing the Market
Raw Material Price Volatility
Polyethylene-based trash bags remain exposed to fluctuations in crude oil, natural gas, ethylene,

and polymer prices.

Volatile raw-material costs can place pressure on manufacturers, particularly companies operating without integrated resin-production capabilities.

Plastic Restrictions
Governments around the world are implementing policies to reduce single-use plastic waste. Restrictions on thin plastic films can reduce demand for certain conventional trash-bag formats.

Manufacturers therefore need to balance product performance with changing environmental regulations.

Compostable Product Performance
Although compostable materials provide environmental advantages in appropriate waste-management systems, they can face performance challenges in high-humidity or high-temperature environments.

The availability of suitable industrial composting infrastructure is another constraint. A compostable bag may not deliver its intended environmental benefit if local waste systems cannot properly process it.

Private-Label Competition
Retailer-owned brands are increasing competitive pressure on established trash-bag brands. Private-label products can compete aggressively on price, particularly in standard household applications.

To maintain differentiation, branded manufacturers are focusing on features such as odor control, improved strength, convenient closures, sustainable materials, and subscription-based purchasing.

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Emerging Opportunities
Humidity-Resistant Compostable Bags
Developing compostable films capable of maintaining strength and sealing performance in humid climates represents an important opportunity.

Markets across Southeast Asia, India, and the Middle East could provide substantial growth opportunities as sustainability regulations and consumer demand increase.

Closed-Loop Recycling

Vertical integration of recycled resin production can help manufacturers control material costs and provide customers with traceable recycled-content products.

Closed-loop supply chains may become increasingly valuable as recycled-content requirements expand.

Municipal Waste-Management Contracts
Emerging markets are investing in formal waste collection and municipal sanitation infrastructure.

Manufacturers capable of supplying large quantities of standardized bags at competitive prices can benefit from government and municipal procurement programs.

Subscription and Direct-to-Consumer Sales
Trash bags are recurring-consumption products, making them suitable for subscription-based purchasing.

Consumers can automatically receive replacement bags at regular intervals, while manufacturers and retailers can improve demand forecasting and customer retention.

Competitive Landscape
The global trash bags market includes major packaging companies, consumer-product manufacturers, resin suppliers, and specialized waste-management product manufacturers.

Key companies identified in the latest MRFR report include:

Amcor plc

Reynolds Consumer Products

Berry Global Group

Novolex Holdings

Sphere Group

Poly-America, L.P.

Competition is increasingly focused on material innovation, manufacturing efficiency, sustainability credentials, product performance, pricing, and distribution.

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Future Outlook
The global trash bags market is expected to maintain steady growth through 2035. MRFR projects an increase from USD 14.35 billion in 2025 to USD 27.13 billion in 2035, representing a 6.58% CAGR during the forecast period.

Several trends are expected to influence the market over the coming years:

Rising urbanization and household waste generation

Expansion of municipal waste collection

Increasing demand for recycled-content products

Growth of biodegradable and compostable materials

Expansion of institutional waste-management programs

E-commerce and online grocery growth

Greater use of advanced recycled polymers

Development of subscription-based purchasing

Increasing government regulation of plastic waste

Asia-Pacific is expected to remain a major growth engine, while North America and Europe will continue to influence the industry through sustainability standards, institutional procurement, and recycled-content requirements.

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