



# THE GARBAGE BAG TAX

## Why?

### To be in conformity with federal law

The principle of the “pay as you throw” tax is stated in the Federal Act on the Protection of the Environment

- Art. 32 : The holder of the waste bears the cost of its disposal, except for waste for which the Federal Council regulates the bearing of the cost in some other way.
- Art. 32a, al.1 : The cantons ensure that the cost of disposing of municipal waste, insofar as it is their responsibility, is passed on to those responsible for producing the waste through fees or other charges. In organising the charges, the following factors in particular are taken into account:
  - a.the nature and the quantity of the waste handed over

## Who?

### For everybody

The french speaking part of Valais will introduce the garbage bag tax on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. It is already in effect in most of the Swiss cantons.

## What is going to change?

### A white and red bag will replace the actual black garbage bag.

Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, only official white and red bags with the inscription «Trier? C'est pas sorcier» will be allowed for household garbage. Bags will be available at usual purchase locations. There will be a necessary transition period but controls will be carried out and the garbage bag tax enforced.

## How does it work?

### A financing based on 3 pillars

The cost of waste management must be financed at the municipal level by three pillars:

- The garbage bag tax, which participates in the financing of the collection and disposal of household waste;
- The base tax calculated by the Municipality with its own criteria to finance the infrastructures such as ecopoints and recycling centres;
- The municipal taxes for the waste where the owner cannot be identified.

## How much does it cost?

### 1.90CHF per 35L bag

Here are the prices for the bags:

Capacity	Price
17 litres	CHF 0.95
35 litres	CHF 1.90
60 litres	CHF 3.40
110 litres	CHF 6.20



The base tax will be also adapted. For the Municipality of Bagnes it will look like this:

<b>Base tax for the year 2017</b>
CHF 100.- per house or flat and CHF 10.- per tarified unit
<b>Base tax as of 2018</b>
CHF 40.- per house or flat and CHF 2.- per tarified unit