



# BAG UP NJ

On Nov. 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature enacted the most progressive bag ban law in the country. The law reduces litter and encourages the use of reusable bags by phasing out single-use carryout bags.

The law **bans single-use plastic bags**, regardless of thickness, at grocery stores and retail establishments, as well as **paper bags at grocery stores** equal to or larger than 2,500 square feet. It also bans polystyrene **foam** takeout food containers and other products such as plates, cups, food trays and utensils. As of November 4, 2021, plastic straws will only be available upon request.

The "Bag Up NJ" campaign is the New Jersey Clean Communities Council's new single use plastic and paper bag ban outreach campaign, which has a simple message: Bring your own reusable bag(s) when you shop.



# BagUpNJ.com

## What can **YOU** do to support Bag Up NJ?

*As a consumer, there are many ways you can reduce your carbon footprint!*

- ✓ When shopping, **BRING** your reusable shopping bags to help fight waste in your town.
- ✓ **RECYCLE** your disposable bags by bringing them to your local retailer.
- ✓ When it comes to reusable bags, you have options. There are many different sizes, types, materials and designs, **CHOOSE THE ONES THAT WORK BEST FOR YOU** as a consumer.



# IMPORTANT DATES!

- Plastic Straws By-Request-Only
- Polystyrene Foam Food Service Products
- Single-Use Carryout Bags

(P.L. 2020, c. 117)

**NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

## SINGLE-USE STRAWS BY-REQUEST-ONLY

- Food service businesses may only provide a single-use plastic straw upon customer request.
- Food service businesses must keep an adequate supply of single-use plastic straws.
- Stores may sell packages of single-use plastic straws & sell a beverage pre-packaged by the manufacturer with a single-use plastic straw.



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## POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE BAN

- Food service businesses are prohibited from selling/ offering any polystyrene foam food service product & may not sell or provide any food served in a polystyrene food service product.
- Visit [nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law](http://nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law) for more info and exemptions.

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## SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS BAN

- All stores (including retail), food service businesses, and grocery stores are prohibited from selling to, or providing customers with, single-use plastic carryout bags.
- Grocery Stores larger than 2,500 sq ft may not provide or sell single-use paper carryout bags but may provide or sell reusable bags.





# **SKIP THE STRAW!**

**Starting November 4, 2021,  
straws will only be  
available upon  
request in NJ!**

**Plastic straws are one of many items  
that contribute to litter, so SKIP THE  
STRAW or Bring a Reusable One.**

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For more information on the NJ Bag Ban Law, please visit:  
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/>

For information on Business Compliance please contact  
the New Jersey Business Action Center  
<https://business.nj.gov/recent/disposable-bag-ban>