



New Jersey

Multi-Faceted Plastic Bans

A multi-faceted ordinance is one that addresses more than one type of single-use plastic item. These ordinances address single-use plastic bags, plastic straws and polystyrene/Styrofoam products.

Town	County	Type of Ordinance	Date Effective	Details
Avalon *	Cape May	Ban on single-use plastic bags, polystyrene foam products and non-compostable food packaging	June 2019	
Lambertville *	Hunterdon	Ban on single-use plastic bags, Styrofoam and polystyrene foam containers, and plastic straws for the packaging of food products for sale to the public	January 2020	Phased in starting Oct. 1, 2018 with Phase I as a voluntary opt-in program. Phase II will be mandatory beginning on Jan. 1, 2020.
Monmouth Beach *	Monmouth	Ban on single-use plastic bags, straws and containers	June 2018	
Stone Harbor *	Cape May	Ban on single-use plastic bags, Styrofoam containers, and plastic cutlery	June 2019	
Little Silver *	Monmouth	Ban on single-use plastic bags, polystyrene foam containers and plastic straws by businesses	October 2019	

Plastic Bag Bans

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Beach Haven	Ocean	Single-use plastic bag ban	June 2019
Belmar *	Monmouth	Single-use plastic bag ban	Spring 2019
Bradley Beach *	Monmouth	Single-use plastic bag ban and five-cent fee on single-use paper. Fee goes back to business.	January 2019
Brigantine	Atlantic	Single-use plastic bag ban	June 2019
Harvey Cedars *	Ocean	Single-use plastic bag ban	February 2018
Hoboken	Hudson	Single-use plastic bag ban and paper bags available to customers for a fee of 10-25 cents per bag. Fee goes back to business	January 2019
Jersey City *	Hudson	Single-use plastic bag and non-recycled paper bag ban	June 2019
Long Beach Township *	Ocean	Single-use plastic bag ban	May 2018
Point Pleasant Beach *	Ocean	Single-use plastic bag ban	May 15, 2018
Stafford Township	Ocean	Single-use plastic bag ban	August 7, 2018

* Permits thicker "reusable" plastic bags

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Plastic Bag Fees

Town	County	Type of Ordinance	Date Effective	Details
Longport *	Atlantic	10-cent paper and plastic fee. Fee goes back to business	December 2015	
Somers Point *	Atlantic	5-cent fee on single-use plastic bags. Fee goes back to business	January 7, 2019	Restaurants are exempt from the fee, as are street vendors
Teaneck *	Bergen	5-cent fee on single-use plastic bags – also urges state to pass statewide law	July 2018	[ON HOLD WAITING FOR STATE LEGISLATION] Initiated by local Girl Scout Troop. Took two years
Ventnor *	Atlantic	5-cent fee on single-use plastic and paper bags. Fee goes back to business	October 2018	

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Other Plastic Bans

Town	County	Type of Ordinance	Date Effective
	Atlantic County	Ban on single-use plastic bags and plastic straws from all county parks	August 13, 2018
Leonia	Bergen	Ban on disposable food service ware that contains polystyrene foam. Additionally, all disposable food service ware sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed within the borough, shall be recyclable or compostable	May 3, 2019
Rahway	Union	Ban on food containers and utensils composed of polystyrene or polyvinyl chloride	January 1, 1997

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