

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BRING YOUR BAG!



Beginning May 4, 2022, the state law prohibits all stores from selling to, or providing their customers with single-use plastic carryout bags

A "reusable carryout bag" must:

- Be made of polypropylene fabric, PET non-woven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp product, or other washable fabric
- Shall have stitched handles. Adhesive handles are not permitted.
- Shall be constructed for a minimum of 125 uses

Grocery stores larger than 2,500 square feet may not provide or sell single-use paper carry out bags and instead may provide or sell reusable carryout bags

Single-use bag exemptions:

- Contain or wrap uncooked meat, fish, or poultry
- Contain food sliced or prepared to order
- Contain live animals, such as fish or insects sold in a pet store
- Package loose items such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, coffee, grains, baked goods, candy, greeting cards, flowers, bulk food, or small hardware items
- Dry cleaning bags
- Pharmacy/Prescription drug bags
- Newspaper bags

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- **BAN ON SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS**
- **BAN ON POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS**
- **BAN ON PLASTIC STRAWS (BY REQUEST ONLY)**

Effective November 4, 2021, food service businesses shall only provide a single use plastic straw to a customer upon request.



For more information regarding single use carryout bags and the ban on polystyrene from food service products visit:

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/>

**or call the Lawrence Township Department of Public Works at
609-587-1894**