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RED BANK WILL ENFORCE A TOWN-WIDE BAN OF

- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS -
- POLYSTYRENE FOAM CONTAINERS -
- PLASTIC STRAWS (AVAILABLE BY REQUEST) -

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**



We typically use plastic bags for less than 15 minutes before they are discarded.



In landfills depending on conditions, plastics can take 100,000+ years to break down.



Nearly 50% of the plastic waste generated globally in 2015 was plastic packaging.



## Ordinance 2019-41\*\*

Ordinance 2019-14 prohibits the use and distribution of single-use plastic bags, plastic straws and polystyrene foam containers by businesses. Customers should bring their own bag or use an alternate provided by the business (for a cost or free)



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## What bags are banned?

The Red Bank ban will apply to all single-use plastic carry-out bags less than 2.25 mils thick, including "biodegradable" and "compostable" plastic bags. The ban also applies to non-recyclable paper bags.



## What bags are allowed?

- Heavier-weight plastic bags that can be reused and cleaned multiple times
- Paper bags that are 100% recyclable and contain at least 40% post-consumer recycled content
- Newspaper bags
- Laundry/dry cleaning bags
- Loose produce or bulk item bags
- Bags used to wrap frozen food, meat, vegetables, and bulk items
- Bags sold in packages intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bags
- Bags provided by pharmacists to carry prescription drugs



## What polystyrene containers are banned?

The Red Bank ban will apply to all polystyrene/plastic foam products, which means any item such as coolers, ice chests, cups, bowls, plates, clamshells, shipping boxes, containers, cutlery, or any other merchandise containing polystyrene/plastic foam that is not wholly encapsulated or encased by a more durable material.



## What about plastic straws?

All Food or Grocery Establishments and Food Providers within the Borough of Red Bank utilizing disposable food service ware shall use recyclable or compostable products, subject to the provisions of subsections 492-6 and 492-7, and with the exception of drinking straws. All Food Providers may provide drinking straws only upon request of the customer.

**THANK YOU FOR  
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**Bring Your**  
**Own Bag**