

New Jersey Plastics Policies — Local and Statewide

● **Bag, Straw, and Polystyrene Ban**

- All retail and food service businesses are banned from distributing most single-use plastic and paper bags.
- Plastic straws are required to be requested by customers prior to distribution.
- Polystyrene foam food service products are banned.
- Annually reduces 8.8 billion single use disposable bags from waste stream.
- Saves businesses money by not distributing disposable bags.
- Saves municipal governments waste hauling and extending life of landfills.
- Reduces toxic exposure of plastics and helps our health.
- Statewide bill ([S865/A1978](#)) went into effect May 2022, pre-empting all local ordinances.



● **Packaging and Paper Product Stewardship Act (Extended Producer Responsibility – EPR)**

- Puts responsibility of manufacturer to reduce packaging by 50% over 10 years.
- Reduces 14 categories of toxics from packaging, thereby improving our health and medical expenses.
- Saves municipalities and tax payers money from waste hauling and puts burden on manufacturer.
- Increases recyclability of packaging.
- Addresses environmental injustices by reducing pollution to overburdened communities.
- Eliminates “greenwashing” and loopholes of “chemical recycling”.
- Generates new jobs with new sustainable technology development.
- Four (4) municipal resolutions passed in 2025. Statewide bill ([S3398/A5009](#)) now being voted on by the NJ legislature.



● **Skip the Stuff – Model Ordinance (Jersey City); Model Resolution (Atlantic Highlands)**

- No single-use disposable cutlery and condiments can be distributed for take-out orders and no single-use disposable foodware can be distributed for dine-in with seating capacity of less than 25, unless requested by customer.
- Saves businesses money by not providing unnecessary cutlery and condiments that usually go unused into the waste stream.
- Reduces clutter for customers that usually do not use single-use disposable cutlery or condiments.
- Reduces toxic exposure during lifecycle of plastic thereby helping our health.
- Twenty-four (24) municipal ordinances and one (1) resolution passed by 2025. Statewide bill ([S3195/A3195](#)) now being voted on by the NJ Legislature.



● **Construction Dust Containment**

- Requires containment procedures when cutting PVC pipes.
- Reduces exposure of microplastics that would otherwise get into our air, waterways and land.
- Nineteen (19) municipal ordinances passed in 2025 with NJ statewide bill being drafted.



● **Shipping Box Size**

- Prohibits shipping box greater than two times the volume of the product being shipped.
- Senate passed [S226](#) in June 2024. NJ Assembly bill (A4116) now being voted on by legislature.



● **Testing and Remedial Action of Microplastics in Drinking Water**

- Department of Environmental Protection and Board of Public Utilities to conduct feasibility and benefits study on microplastic removal technologies.
- Requires action to be taken if microplastics are found in drinking water per testing requirements.
- Statewide bill ([S3283/A1481](#)) passed in January 2024.



New Jersey Counties who passed municipal ordinances and resolutions prior to state legislation:

Atlantic County ●●

- Atlantic City – Ordinance: [Bag Ban in parks \(2019\)](#); [Construction Dust \(02-2025\)](#)
- Bridantine – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#); [Construction Dust \(06-2025\)](#)
- Egg Harbor City – Ordinance: [Construction Dust \(11-2024\)](#)
- Galloway Township – Resolution: [Construction Dust \(03-2025\)](#)
- Hamilton Township – Resolution: [Construction Dust \(2025\)](#)
- Longport – Ordinance: [Bag Upon Request \(2015\)](#); [Construction Dust \(07-2024\)](#)
- Margate City – Ordinance: [Construction Dust \(04-2025\)](#)
- Northfield – Ordinance: [Construction Dust \(05-2025\)](#)
- Somers Point – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2019\)](#); Resolution: [Construction Dust \(2025\)](#)
- Ventnor – Ordinance: [Bag Fee of \\$0.05 on plastic bags \(2018\)](#); [Construction Dust \(09-2024\)](#)

Bergen County ●●●●

- Garfield – Ordinance: [Bag and Straw Ban \(2020\)](#);
- Glen Rock – Ordinance: [Bag Fee of \\$0.10 per paper bag \(2020\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(05-2025\)](#)
- Haworth – Ordinance: [Construction Dust \(03-2025\)](#)
- Paramus – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2019\)](#);
- Ridgewood – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2020\)](#);
- Rutherford – Resolution: [EPR \(2025\)](#)
- Saddle Brook – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2019\)](#);
- Tanafly – Ordinance: [Construction Dust \(05-2025\)](#)
- Teaneck – [Bag Fee of \\$0.05 on plastic bags \(2018\)](#)

Burlington County ●

- Mt Laurel – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(2024\)](#)

Camden County ●●

- County – Ordinance: [Bag and Straw Ban \(2020\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(2020\)](#); 1-liter single-use-disposable bottled water ban (2020); Balloon Ban (2018)

Cape May County ●●●

- Avalon – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(Ordinance 778-2018\)](#); [Polystyrene Ban \(2019\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 779-2018\)](#); [Construction Dust \(02-2025\)](#)
- Cape May – Ordinance: [Plastic Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2020\)](#); [Skip the Stuff ban \(2020\)](#); [Construction Dust \(02-2025\)](#)
- Stone Harbor – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(Ordinance 1524-2019\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 1524-2019\)](#)
- West Cape May – Ordinance: [Plastic Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2020\)](#); [Skip the Stuff ban \(2020\)](#)

Cumberland County

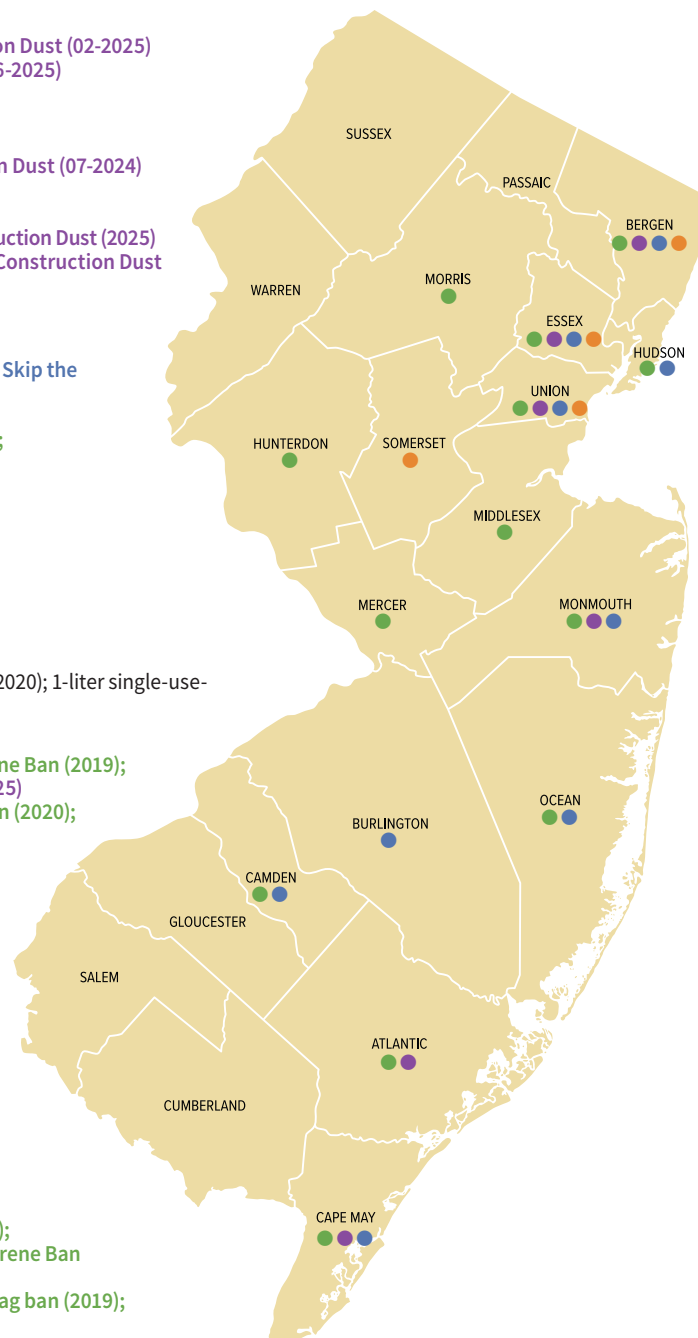
Essex County ●●●●

- Livingston – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(2025\)](#)
- Maplewood – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(Ordinance 2993-20\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 2993-20\)](#); [Construction Dust \(11-2024\)](#); Resolution: [EPR \(2025\)](#)
- Montclair – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 24-36\)](#)
- South Orange – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2019\)](#)

Gloucester County

Hudson County ●●

- Bayonne – Ordinance: [Bag and Straw Ban \(Ordinance O-19-39\)](#);
- Hoboken – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(Ordinance 148-2018\)](#); [Polystyrene Ban \(2019\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 24-520\)](#)
- Jersey City – Ordinance: [Bag Plastic and non recycled paper bag ban \(2019\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 24-068\)](#)



Hunterdon County ●

- Lambertville – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2020\)](#);

Mercer County ●

- Hopewell Borough – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2019\)](#)

Middlesex County ●

- Highland Park – Ordinance: [Bag Fee of \\$0.10 per plastic and paper bag \(2019\)](#)

Monmouth County ●●●

- Aberdeen – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 23-2024\)](#)
- Asbury Park – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(Ordinance 2019-20\)](#)
- Atlantic Highlands – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(Resolution 088-2024\)](#)
- Belmar – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2021-35\)](#);
- Bradley Beach – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(Ordinance 2018-20\)](#)
- Eatontown – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 10-20-24\)](#)
- Little Silver – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2019\)](#);
- Long Branch – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2020\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(O-07-25\)](#); [Construction Dust \(05-2025\)](#)
- Monmouth Beach – [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2018\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 06-24\)](#); [Construction Dust \(06-2024\)](#)
- Neptune Township – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 24-42\)](#)
- Oceanport – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2020\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(2020\)](#)
- Point Pleasant Beach – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#)
- Red Bank – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2019\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 2024-08\)](#); Resolution: [Construction Dust \(2025\)](#)

Morris County ●

- Chatham Borough – Ordinance: [Bag Fee \\$0.10 \(2019\)](#)
- Madison – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2019\)](#)
- Parsippany – Ordinance: [Troy Hills – Bag Ban \(2019\)](#)

Ocean County ●●

- Beach Haven – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#)
- Harvey Cedars – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#)
- Lavallette – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(06-2025\)](#)
- Ocean Gate – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2019\)](#)
- Stafford – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#)

Passaic County

Salem County

Somerset County ●

- Montgomery – Resolution: [EPR \(2025\)](#)

Sussex County

Union County ●●●●

- Cranford – Ordinance: [Bag and Polystyrene Ban \(Ordinance 2019-10\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance: 2025-16\)](#); Resolution: [EPR \(2025\)](#)
- Elizabeth – Ordinance: [Construction Dust \(2025\)](#)
- Garwood – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 24-09\)](#)
- Westfield – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(Ordinance 2024-16\)](#)

Warren County

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