

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.



● **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.



● **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 or be distributed for dine-in with seating capacity of 10 or more, unless requested by customer.
- Saves businesses money by not providing unnecessary cutlery and condiments that usually go unused into the waste stream adding to coastal flooding in addition to landfill and incineration waste.
- 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.
- Over 60 ordinances and resolutions passed prior to state legislation.
- Statewide bill ([S3195/A5157](#)) goes into effect on August 1, 2026, pre-empting all local ordinances, as the strongest Skip the Stuff law in the country.



● **Construction Dust Containment**

- Requires containment procedures when cutting, drilling, or sanding dust-producing materials, including plastics, silica, fiberglass, pavers or chemically treated wood, etc.
- Reduces exposure of microplastics that would otherwise get into our air, waterways and land.
- Seventeen (17) municipal ordinances and four (4) resolutions passed in 2025.



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

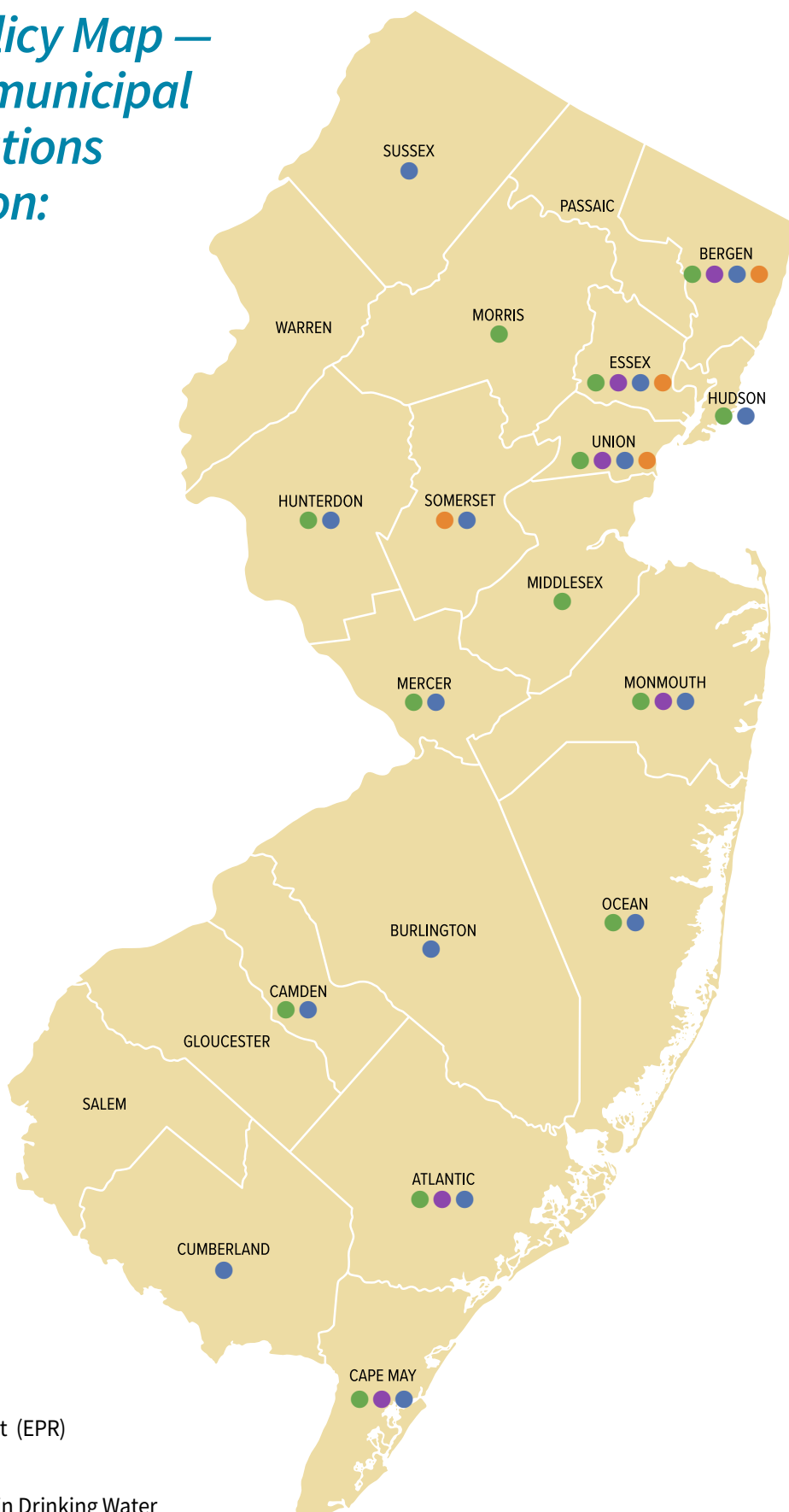
- Department of Environmental Protection and Board of Public Utilities to conduct feasibility and benefits study on microplastic removal technologies.
- Requires action to be taken if microplastics are found in drinking water per testing requirements.
- Statewide bill ([S3283/A1481](#)) passed in January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



New Jersey Plastic Policy Map — counties who passed municipal ordinances and resolutions prior to state legislation:

- Atlantic County** ● ● ●
- Bergen County** ● ● ● ●
- Burlington County** ●
- Camden County** ● ●
- Cape May County** ● ● ●
- Cumberland County** ●
- Essex County** ● ● ● ●
- Gloucester County**
- Hudson County** ● ●
- Hunterdon County** ● ●
- Mercer County** ● ●
- Middlesex County** ●
- Monmouth County** ● ● ● ●
- Morris County** ●
- Ocean County** ● ●
- Passaic County**
- Salem County**
- Somerset County** ● ●
- Sussex County** ●
- Union County** ● ● ● ●
- Warren County**

- = Bag, Straw & Polystyrene Ban
- = Construction Dust Containment
- = Skip the Stuff
- = Packaging & Paper Product Stewardship Act (EPR)
- = Shipping Box Size
- = Testing & Remedial Action of Microplastics in Drinking Water



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NJ Plastic Policy Map — List of ordinances and resolutions passed prior to state legislation



Atlantic County ●●●

- Atlantic City – Ordinance: **Bag Ban in parks (2019); Construction Dust (02-2025); Skip the Stuff (2025)**
- Brigantine – Ordinance: **Bag Ban (2018)**; Resolution: **Construction Dust (June 2025)**
- Egg Harbor City – Ordinance: **Construction Dust Ordinance (11-2024); Skip the Stuff**
- Galloway Township – Resolution: **Construction Dust (03-2025); Skip the Stuff**
- Hamilton Township – Resolution: **Construction Dust (2025)**
- Longport – Ordinance: **Bag Upon Request (2015); Construction Dust (07-2024)**; Resolution: **Skip the Stuff**
- Margate City – Ordinance: **Construction Dust (04-2025)**
- Middle Township – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**
- Northfield Borough – Ordinance: **Construction Dust (05-2025); Skip the Stuff**
- Somers Point Township – Ordinance: **Bag Ban (2019)**; Resolution: **Construction Dust (2025)**
- Ventnor – Ordinance: **Bag Fee of \$0.05 on plastic bags (2018); Construction Dust (09-2024); Skip the Stuff**

Bergen County ●●●●

- Garfield – Ordinance: **Bag and Straw Ban (2020)**
- Glen Rock – Ordinance: **Bag Fee of \$0.10 per paper bag (2020); Skip the Stuff (May 2025)**
- Haworth – Ordinance: **Construction Dust (03-2025); Skip the Stuff (June 2025)**
- Paramus – Ordinance: **Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban (2019)**
- Ridgewood – Ordinance: **Bag Ban (2020)**
- Rutherford – Resolution: **EPR (2025)**
- Saddle Brook – Ordinance: **Bag Ban (2019)**
- Tenafly – Ordinance: **Construction Dust (05-2025) Skip the Stuff (Jan 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)**; Resolution: **Skip the Stuff (2020)**; 1-liter single-use-disposable bottled water ban (2020); Balloon Ban (2018)

- Camden Town – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**
- Collingswood – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**
- Gloucester City – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**

Cape May County ●●●

- Avalon – Ordinance: **Bag Ban (778-2018); Polystyrene Ban (2019); Skip the Stuff (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)**
- Longport – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**
- Margate – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**
- Stone Harbor – Ordinance: **Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban (1524-2019); Skip the Stuff (1524-2019)**
- North Wildwood – Ordinance: **Construction Dust (Sept 2025)**
- Ocean City – Ordinance: **Construction Dust**
- West Cape May – Ordinance: **Plastic Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban (2020); Skip the Stuff ban (2020)**

Cumberland County ●

- Hopewell Township – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff (2025)**

Essex County ●●●●

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

Gloucester County

Hudson County ●●

- Bayonne – Ordinance: **Bag and Straw Ban (0-19-39)**
- Hoboken – Ordinance: **Bag Ban (148-2018); Polystyrene Ban (2019); Skip the Stuff (24-520)**
- Jersey City – Ordinance: **Bag Plastic and non recycled paper bag ban (2019); Skip the Stuff (24-068)**
- Kearny – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**
- North Bergen – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**
- Union City – Ordinance: **Skip the Stuff**

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Hunterdon County ●●

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

Mercer County ●●

- Hopewell Borough – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2019\)](#); [Skip the Stuff](#)

Middlesex County ●

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

Monmouth County ●●●

- Aberdeen – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(23-2024\)](#)
- Allenhurst – Resolution: [Skip the Stuff](#)
- Asbury Park – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(Ordinance 2019-20\)](#); Resolution: [Skip the Stuff](#)
- Atlantic Highlands – Resolution: [Skip the Stuff \(088-2024\)](#)
- Belmar – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2021-35\)](#)
- Bradley Beach – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018-20\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(2025-32\)](#)
- Eatontown – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(10-20-24\)](#)
- Little Silver – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2019\)](#)
- Long Branch – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2020\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(0-07-25\)](#); [Construction Dust \(05-2025\)](#)
- Monmouth Beach – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2018\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(06-24\)](#); [Construction Dust \(06-2024\)](#)
- Neptune Township – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(24-42\)](#)
- Oceanport – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2020\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(2020\)](#)
- Point Pleasant Beach – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#); Resolution: [Skip the Stuff](#)
- Sea Bright – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw, and Polystyrene Ban \(23-2019\)](#); [Skip the Stuff](#)
- Red Bank – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2019\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(2024-08\)](#); [Construction Dust \(2025\)](#)

Morris County ●

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

Ocean County ●●

- Beach Haven – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#); [Skip the Stuff](#)
- Brick Township – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(July 2024\)](#)
- Harvey Cedars – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(2025\)](#)
- Lavallette – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff \(06-2025\)](#)
- Ocean Gate – Ordinance: [Bag, Straw and Polystyrene Ban \(2019\)](#)
- Seaside Heights – Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff](#)
- Stafford – Ordinance: [Bag Ban \(2018\)](#); [Skip the Stuff \(2025\)](#)

Passaic County

Salem County

Somerset County ●●

- Franklin Township – Resolution: [Skip the Stuff](#)
- Manville Borough – Resolution: [Skip the Stuff](#)
- Montgomery – Resolution: [EPR \(2025\)](#); Ordinance: [Skip the Stuff](#)

Sussex County ●

- Fredon Township – Resolution: [Skip the Stuff \(May 2025\)](#)
- Green Township – Resolution: [Skip the Stuff](#)

Union County ●●●●

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

Warren County