

Single-Use Plastic Carry-Out Bag Ban



Information for Commercial Establishments

- Commercial Establishments within Easttown Township are prohibited from providing single-use plastic carry-out bags and non-compliant paper bags per Ordinance 451-22 effective **January 01, 2023**.
- Affected by the ban are any commercial establishment that sells perishable or nonperishable goods, including but not limited to, clothing, food, and personal items and that generates a sales or use tax.
- Businesses are strongly encouraged to post visible signage at their establishments by **January 1, 2023**, informing customers of the ban.
- For compliance strategies, see the reverse side of this flyer or scan the QR code below.



Allowable Bags

- A reusable bag designed and manufactured for multiple uses, made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric or polypropylene.
- A paper bag that is at least 40% post-consumer recycled material, displays "Recyclable" or "Reusable" in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bag or is Compostable.

Exempted Bags

- Bags used to package bulk items like fruits, vegetables, nuts and grains
- Bags to contain prepared foods, meat, fish and bakery goods
- Bags to contain live animals like fish and insects.
- A bag sold in packaging for multiple bags ex. food storage, garbage and pet waste bags.

Compliance Strategies

Following are steps you can take for readying your business for compliance with the ban before it goes into effect.

1. Consider Alternative Options

Businesses can still provide customers with an alternative bag (at a cost or for free) or have customers bring their own bags.

2. Phase Out Existing Stock

Retailers should adjust their purchasing to deplete existing stock of non-compliant bags by the deadline. Check out this link for local vendors that sell compliant bags: www.easttown.org/455/Local-Vendors-of-Compliant-Bags

3. Communicate with Customers

Train employees who interact with the public to tell customers about the ban and post notices at several spots within your establishment that are visible to customers. A copy of the ordinance can be obtained by visiting: www.easttown.org/DocumentCenter/View/3273/Ordinance-No-450-22-Plastic-Bag-Ordinance

4. Attend Educational Sessions

Easttown Township will present an educational presentation on November 10th at the Easttown Library to educate and prepare customers and business establishments for the ban and provide establishments with techniques on how to handle customer's questions and objections. Attendance is strongly recommended.

To learn more visit:
www.easttown.org



Easttown Township has a limited number of reusable totes available for residents.