

Key Facts

ON PARSIPPANY'S PLASTIC BAG BAN

THE PARSIPPANY BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS AND NON-RECYCABLE PAPER BAGS BEGINS FEB. 6, 2020.



THIS BAN WILL AFFECT ALL RETAILERS

Including grocery stores, restaurants, corner stores, pharmacies, clothing shops, hardware stores, beer and liquor stores, and every other retail store that provides bags to customers at point of sale.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BAN

Is to reduce litter, protect the environment, and remove hard-to-recycle bags from our waste stream.

ABOUT THE BAN

WHICH BAGS ARE BANNED?

The ordinance applies to single-use bags provided at point of sale at retail stores. The following bags will be banned.

- ✘ All single-use plastic bags, including "biodegradable plastic" and "compostable plastic" bags.
- ✘ Non-recyclable paper bags and all paper bags that do not include at least 40% post-consumer recycled content.



✘ Single-Use Plastic Bags

✘ "Compostable Plastic" Bags

WHICH BAGS ARE ALLOWED?

Reusable bags that are made of cloth or other washable fabric designed for multiple use. You may also use and re-purpose your existing plastic bags.

Paper bags are allowed if they are 100% recyclable and contain at least 40% post-consumer recycled content (this must be written on the bag).

Also Included:

- Loose produce or bulk item bags
- Laundry/dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper bags
- Bags used to wrap frozen food, meat, or fish
- Bags provided by pharmacists to carry prescription drugs
- Garbage, pet waste
- Bags provided by food trucks



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WHEN DOES THE BAN COME INTO EFFECT?

The Parsippany plastic bag ban will go into effect on Feb. 6, 2020. Retailers should prepare to phase out banned bags by Feb. 6, 2020.

HOW WILL THE BAN BE ENFORCED?

Retailers that supply banned bags to customers after Feb. 6, 2020 shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 per first offense after the written warning notice was given. Consumers and retailers will be able to report a business suspected of using banned bags at Parsippany.net. Click on "Report a Concern" GovPilot.

MANAGING THE BAN

The Parsippany bag ban will affect retailers who now provide single-use plastic bags or non-recyclable paper bags to customers at point of sale. If you currently use non-compliant bags, you will need to plan, prepare, and make changes over the next few months.

WHAT RETAILERS SHOULD DO NOW:

1. CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS 2. PHASE OUT EXISTING STOCK

Businesses can still provide customers with a recyclable paper bag for a cost between .10 and .25 cents or have customers bring their own bags. Each business has unique needs and costs, and you should weigh up the best long-term option for your business, such as:

- 🌿 Not offering a bag at all
- 🌿 Paper bag or cardboard boxes
- 🌿 Woven or fabric bags
- 🌿 Heavyweight reusable bags
- 🌿 A combination of the above

Retailers should adjust their purchasing to ensure that they deplete existing stock of non-compliant bags by Feb. 6, 2020. Retailers will face fines if they supply banned bags to customers after Feb. 6, 2020.

3. TRAIN YOUR TEAM

A critical element of managing the ban in your business is preparing and training your team, particularly those who have regular contact with customers, such as checkout operators and customer service staff. Depending on the bag alternatives you offer, you may also need to consider changes to packing processes, point-of-sale areas and displays, or other operations.

4. INFORM YOUR CUSTOMERS

The Township of Parsippany will mail out educational material to educate and prepare customers for the ban, however retailers will need to be prepared to handle customer questions and objections. Find guidance and signage on the Township website at www.Parsippany.net.

