## NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES COUNCIL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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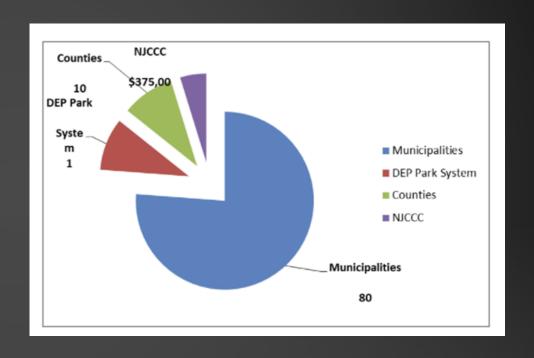
### **CLEAN COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW**

- Clean Communities is a non-profit litter abatement organization
  - Provides annual grant funding to all Counties and Municipalities in NJ
    - Work with County/Municipal
- Clean Communities Coordinators to Promote Programs For Litter Cleanup, Education And Enforcement

\*\*BAG UP NJ OUTREACH

## ANNUAL TAX COLLECTED \$20.7 MILLION IN 2021

- Municipalities
- Counties
- •NJDEP (Parks)
- •NJCCC \$375,000



# NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES COUNCIL



- Will receive \$500,000 a year for first three years to develop and implement a statewide education and outreach program
- Establish partnerships with stakeholders, trade organizations, businesses, local governments and media to get the word out
  - > Press releases, PSA's, newsletters, paid advertising
  - > Limited distribution of free, reusable carryout bags
  - > SHARE BRANDING FOR STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN!



The Bag Up NJ Countdown to New Jersey's Plastic Bag Ban









### FREE GRAPHIC DOWNLOADS

- Bag Up NJ / Skip the Straw logo
- Social Media/Web Banners
- Cling Artwork
- Sandwich Board Signs
- Flyers
- Billboards
- Business/Tent Cards coming soon
- Shopping List Artwork



### CAMPAIGNS

**✓ BAG UP NJ** 

Bring Your Own Reusable Bag(s) When You Shop!!



# ✓ SKIP THE STRAW





### Social Media



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Cape May-Lewes Ferry @@CMLFerry · Oct 15

Volunteers from the NJ Clean Communities Council joined DRBA staff at the Cape May terminal and aboard the Ferry to hand out reusable bags & promote the "Bag Up NJ" campaign, the NJCCC's new single use plastic/paper bag ban outreach campaign. More info: ow.ly/70vD50Gsnx5



**PLEASE BRING VOUR REUSABLE** 

NJ Clean Communities reminds you to...







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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ...

1. LEARN A NEW SKILL

2. MORE TIME WITH FAMILY

3. EXERCISE

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Starting this May, NJ law bans grocery stores from providing plastic and paper bags.

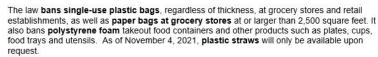
Don't wait. Start bringing reusable bags now.



### NJCCC BAG UP NJ FLYER



On Nov. 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature enacted the most progressive bag ban law in the country. The law reduces litter and encourages the use of reusable bags by phasing out single-use carryout bags.



The "Bag Up NJ" campaign is the New Jersey Clean Communities Council's new single use plastic and paper bag ban outreach campaign, which has a simple message: Bring your own reusable bag(s) when you shop. Get in the habit before the law officially goes into effect on May 4, 2022 in NJ. Visit <a href="https://www.BagUpNJ.com">www.BagUpNJ.com</a> for more information and downloadable artwork.



### What can **YOU** do to support Bag Up NJ?

As a consumer, there are many ways you can reduce your carbon footprint!

- When shopping, BRING your reusable shopping bags to help fight waste in your town.
- RECYCLE your disposable bags by bringing them to your local retailer.
- When it comes to reusable bags, you have options. There are many different sizes, types, materials and designs, CHOOSE THE ONES THAT WORK BEST FOR YOU as a consumer.



### IMPORTANT DATES!

- Plastic Straws By-Request-Only
- Polystyrene Foam Food Service Products
- Single-Use Carryout Bags

(P.L. 2020, c. 117)

### NOVEMBER 4, 2021

### SINGLE-USE STRAWS BY-REQUEST-ONLY

- Food service businesses may only provide a single-use plastic straw upon customer request.
- Food service businesses must keep an adequate supply of single-use plastic straws.
- Stores may sell packages of single-use plastic straws & sell a beverage pre-packaged by the manufacturer with a single-use plastic straw.



### MAY 4, 2022 POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE BAN

- Food service businesses are prohibited from selling/ offering any polystyrene foam food service product & may not sell or provide any food served in a polystyrene food service product.
- Visit nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law for more info and exemptions.

### MAY 4, 2022

### SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS BAN

- All stores (including retail), food service businesses, and grocery stores are prohibited from selling to, or providing customers with, single-use plastic carryout bags.
- Grocery Stores larger than 2,500 sq ft may not provide or sell single-use paper carryout bags but may provide or sell reusable bags.

For more information on the NJ Bag Ban Law, please visit: https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/

For information on Business Compliance, contact the New Jersey Business Action Center https://business.ni.gov/recent/disposable-bag-ban

### SIGNS/CLING ARTWORK



Sandwich Board

Shopping List Artwork

# Shopping List O Bring Reusable Bags **BAG UP NJ**

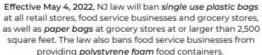
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grocery stores from
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### BAG UP NJ



As of November 4, 2021, plastic straws will only be available upon a customer's request.

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www.BagUpNJ.com



To reduce litter, NJ Law mandates that plastic straws can only be provided upon request starting November 4, 2021.



# Folding Business Cards & Tent Cards



Comenzando el 4 de mayo, 2022 la Ley de NJ prohibirá a todas las tiendas y servicios de comida el uso de bolsas plásticas para reducir la basura. No espere comienze a usar bolsas reusables ahora.



Efectivo el 4 de mayo, 2022, la Ley del Estado de NJ prohibirá el uso de bolsas de plásticas en todas las tiendas minoritarias y supermercados, así como bolsas de papel en supermercados de 2,500 pies cuadrados o más. La ley también prohibe que las empresas de servicios de alimentos proporciones envases de alimentos hechos de espuma de poliestireno. Desde el 4 de noviembre, 2021 los absorbentes de plástico solo están

disponible a pedido del cliente.

Para más información de la Ley de NJ que Prohibe el uso de Plásticos, visite
https://www.ni.gov/deo/olastic-bao-ban

Para obtener más información sobre el Cumplimiento Comercial, comuníquese con el Centro de Acción Comercial de NJ.

https://business.nj.gov/recent/disposable-bag-ban



### FECHAS IMPORTANTES

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### BAG GIVEAWAY EVENTS



### Reusable Bag Giveaway Program



### Wildlife Theme







Waterfront Theme

### OUTREACH

- County/Municipal Websites
  - (model website launched December)
- BagUpNJ month / Skip the Straw month resolutions
- PSA's
- Foldable business cards / tent cards
- Paid Media Ads
- DMV Outreach Campaign
- NJ Transit Bus Stops
- Magazines (NJ Monthly, NJLM, NJAC, Edible NJ)
- Billboards
- Ballparks



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That's all about to finally change when a new law takes effect statewide in May 2022 fully banning single-use plastic bags in all retail stores, grocery stores, and food-service businesses. Paper bags will also be prohibited in grocery stores larger than 2,500 square feet, as well as at large retailers like Target and Walmart. The ban further applies to polystyrene food containers, cups, and other items. Bag Up NJ, an outreach campaign developed by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, will help educate consumers and businesses on the impact of the new

### **PRIORITIES**



- >Overburdened Communities
- > Food Pantries
- > Seniors

### BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

### One Stop Shopping with NJCCC

- Purchase Reusable Bags w/ logos
- Provide Press Release/Social Media Post/PSA
- Coordinate Press/Volunteers/Staff
- Invite local dignitaries





# How Are Local Coordinators Helping to Prepare?

### **BILLBOARDS**



To reduce litter, NJ Law mandates that plastic straws can only be provided upon request starting November 4, 2021

So, SKIP THE STRAW or bring a reusable one.

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#njcleancommunities njclean.org









Somerset Patriots Ballpark digital sign.

Mercer County handed out reusable bags on opening game night.

### HUDSON COUNTY PATH, LIGHT RAIL, AND BUS STOPS





### Websites, Social Media & Bag Giveaways



### Bag Up NJ

There are detrimental environmental impacts from single-use plastic products. Approximately 100 billion single-use plastic bags are used every year in the United States. The average plastic bag does not decompose for up to 1,000 years, yet they are only used for approximately 12 minutes total. Single-use plastics are another obstacle that contributes to roadside litter as they pollute the county and beyond.

It is predicted that by the year 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean. An estimated 1,000,000 birds, marine mammals, and sea turtles die annually from plastic pollution, as they often mistake bags for jellyfish in search of food and ingest plastic or get entangled it.



To ensure multiple uses and a sustainable carryout bag, a reusable carryout bag is defined as a bag that is:

- Made of polypropylene fabric, PET nonwoven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp product, or other washable fabric; and
- 2. Has stitched handles: and
- 3. Is designed and manufactured for multiple reuses.

All carryout bags must be washable and capable of withstanding multiple washes while maintaining usefulness and integrity. A minimum of 125 uses is required. Every reusable carryout bag must have handles stitched onto the bag, not glued, to qualify as a reusable carryout bag.







# NOW IT'S TIME TO LEARN TO RECYCLE CORRECTLY.







### BUSINESS OUTREACH





### TO DO LIST....

Connect with NJ Clean Communities Council

- Help Promote "BagUpNJ" and "Skip the Straw" Campaigns
- Include info in Employee Newsletters & Social Media
- Reusable Bag Promotion (partner with NJCCC)
- Stay Informed: sign up for Monthly Newsletter at njclean.org
- Make May BagUpNJ Month and November Skip the Straw month









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