

Jersey City will enforce a city-wide ban on single-use plastic carry-out bags, starting June 28, 2019.

*Thank
You for
Not Using
Plastic Bags
In Jersey City!*

Ordinance 18-065 prohibits retailers from providing single-use plastic carry-out bags and non-recyclable paper bags. Customers should bring their own bag or use an alternative provided by the retailer (for a cost or for free).

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Information on Jersey City's Bag Ordinance

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What bags are banned?

The Jersey City ban will apply to all single-use plastic carry-out bags less than 2.25 mils thick, including "biodegradable" and "compostable" plastic bags. The ban also applies to non-recyclable paper bags.



What bags are allowed?

The ban will not apply to the following bags:

- Heavier-weight plastic bags that can be reused and cleaned multiple times
- Paper bags that are 100% recyclable and contain at least 40% post-consumer recycled content
- Newspaper bags
- Laundry/dry cleaning bags
- Bags used to wrap frozen food, meat, vegetables, and bulk items
- Bags sold in packages intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bags
- Bags provided by pharmacists to carry prescription drugs

Why are plastic bags a problem?



We typically use plastic bags for less than 15 minutes before they are discarded. The average American household uses 1,500 bags every year.



Plastics in our oceans are nearly impossible to remove and leads to the death of thousands of marine animals.



Plastic bags are difficult to recycle because of their shape and the type of plastic used, so they end up in our landfills, waterways, and neighborhoods.



In landfills, depending on conditions, plastics can take 100,000+ years to break down.