

Plastic Bag Ban Letter

May 9, 2022

Dear Establishment Owner / Operator,

Beginning on May 4th, 2022, law P.L. 2020, c. 117 goes into effect which will prohibit providing or selling single use-carryout bags and polystyrene foam food service products. This new regulation is in addition to the restriction of single-use plastic straws, which may be provided only at the request of a customer. New norms and exceptions to this plastic law will depend on the type of establishment classification outlined by the State of NJ. The State is encouraging the use of re-usable bags which must be made of nylon, cloth, or other washable fabric, have stitched handles, and be purposefully designed for multiple uses.

For more information, please visit <https://www.nj.gov/dep/get-past-plastic/>. A link to the law can be found here, <https://www.nj.gov/dep/get-past-plastic/docs/plastic-bag-law-c117.pdf>. Please see the quick reference chart provided below. To report a complaint, please contact Bergen County Department of Health Services at 201-634-2804.

Sincerely,

Gina Behre, Health Officer