

# Single-Use Plastics Ordinance

On March 12, 2024, Newtown Borough adopted [Ordinance No. 799](#) to reduce the use of single-use plastics. The ordinance will help decrease litter; protect the environment; promote the use of reusable, compostable, and recyclable materials; and preserve the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic values of the Borough.

Learn more about the Single-Use Plastics Ordinance in the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

## Key Dates

- **June 17, 2024:** Signs will be posted in businesses to inform customers of the law.
- **September 17, 2024:** Single-use plastic bags will no longer be provided by Newtown Borough businesses. Recyclable paper bags will be available for purchase for at least \$0.15 each. Single-use plastic straws and utensils will be available upon request.



## Information for Customers

### Remember to bring your reusable bags when you go shopping!

- Single-use plastic bags will not be provided by Newtown Borough businesses.
- Recyclable paper bags will be available for purchase for at least \$0.15 each.
- Single-use plastic straws and utensils will be available upon request.

## Information for Businesses

Refer to [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and [Ordinance No. 799](#) for more detailed information on complying with the ordinance.

## Signage

Starting **June 17, 2024**, and continuing for six months, all retail businesses will be **required to post signage** at all points of sale informing customers that single-use plastic bags and non-recyclable paper bags will no longer be provided as of **September 17, 2024**. You can download signs here:

- [Single-Use Plastics Ordinance Sign \(5" x 7"\)](#)
- [Single-Use Plastics Ordinance Sign \(8.5 x 11\)](#)
- [Single-Use Plastics Ordinance Sign \(11 x 17\)](#)

## Resources

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- [Employee Training Suggestions](#)
- [Suggested Vendors of Compliant Supplies](#)

## Exemptions

Retail establishments can request a temporary exemption from this ordinance due to hardship by submitting an [Application for Temporary Exemption](#). **The exemption period will only be valid through March 17, 2025.**

## Questions?

For any questions please contact Craig Totaro, Newtown Borough Manager, at 215-968-2109 or [manager@boroughofnewtown.com](mailto:manager@boroughofnewtown.com).