THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS

WILL ENFORCE A
TOWN - WIDE BAN
ON SINGLE USE,
PLASTIC
CARRY-OUT BAGS
STARTING
FEB. 1, 2020.

Retail and food
establishments will no
longer provide single use,
carry-out plastic bags to
customers. Instead, they
shall charge a 10 cent fee
for a paper bag and/or
encourage customers to
bring their own reusable
bag.

Ordinance-2019-31

Customers should bring their own bag or use an alternative provided by the retailer (for a cost or for free).

SECAUCUS Environmental Department (201) 86-GREEN (47336)





Mayor Michael Gonnelli, Town Council & Secaucus Environmental Department

SECAUCUS PLASTIC BAG BAN





WHY?

A plastic shopping bag is used for an average of 12 minutes before being thrown away. When discarded, plastic bags clog sewage and storm drains, entangle and kill an estimated 100,000 marine mammals and birds every year, and degenerate into microplastics that are polluting our oceans, landfills and neighborhoods.



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When does the ban go into effect?

February 1st, 2020

Which bags are banned?

All plastic/petroleum bags and plant based bags less than 10mil thick

Which bags are still allowed?

Newspaper sleeves

Produce bags

Pharmacy bags (if needed)

Dry cleaning/Laundry bags

Trash, animal and yard waste bags

Where is the money from the 10¢ paper bag fee going?

Directly to the retailer or businesses to recover the cost of purchasing paper bags



