

Radnor EAC proposed Plastic Bag Ordinance Synopsis:

1. Purpose:

- To reduce the use of single use bags by commercial establishments within the Township
- curb litter on the streets, in the parks, and in the trees
- protect the local streams, rivers, waterways, and other aquatic environments
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce solid waste generation
- promote the use of reusable, compostable, and recyclable materials within the Township
- preserve the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the Township
- relieve the pressure on recyclers, who cite single-use plastic bags as a major source of contamination and inefficiency within the recycling stream;
- and reduce the incineration of plastic from the disposal of single-use products.

2. The Ordinance:

- Prohibit single use plastic bags and non-recyclable paper bags
- Allow commercial establishments to charge for distribution of recyclable paper bags
- Exempt from the ordinance: laundry, dry cleaner, and newspaper bags; bags without handles used to protect perishable items.

3. Neighboring Towns and Townships:

- [City of Philadelphia](#), [West Chester](#), [Haverford](#) (page 50), [Narberth](#), [Easttown](#), [West Goshen](#), and others have already adopted plastic bag bans.
- Tredyffrin Township will be voting in June; almost all other townships are proposing ordinances as well.
- [State of New Jersey's](#) plastic bag, polystyrene foam food service products, and plastic straws ban took effect May 4, 2022.
- [State of Delaware's](#) plastic bag ban took effect July 1, 2022.