

Status of Plastic Bans in Wake of COVID-19

Bans Already In Place			
State	Locality (If Applicable)	Status	Additional Information/Timeline
California		Plastic bag ban reinforced	Statewide ban suspended until June 22, 2020
Connecticut		Plastic bag tax reinforced	Plastic bag tax was temporarily suspended until June 30, 2020
Delaware		No Action -- Statewide Bag Ban Still In Place	
Hawaii		Temporarily Suspended Plastic Bag Ban	Suspended until further notice
Maine		Temporarily Suspended Plastic Bag Ban	Delayed until January 15, 2021
Massachusetts		Temporarily Suspended Plastic Bag Ban, Banned Reusable Bags	
	Town of Great Barrington	Temporarily Suspended Water Bottle Ban	Lifted town-wide ban on the sale of single-use plastic water bottles until May 31, 2020
New Hampshire		Temporarily Transition to Use of Plastic Bags	Governor Sununu has ordered temporary transition to plastic bags, prohibits reusable bags in retailers
New Mexico	City of Albuquerque	Temporarily Suspended Bag Ban	Suspended until further notice
New York		Temporarily Suspended Bag Ban	Ongoing litigation, enforcement date TBD
Oregon		No Action -- Bag Ban Still In Place	
	City of Portland	Temporarily Suspended Bag Ban	Suspending plastic bag ordinance requiring retailers to charge customers for plastic bags until April 30.
Pennsylvania		Passed	Lawmakers in Pennsylvania passed a budget-related bill that included a provision to extend a current moratorium blocking municipalities from establishing plastic bag bans.
Vermont		Plastic bag ban went into effect July 1, 2020.	Vermont Retail and Grocers Association is urging the governor to delay its soon-to-be implemented law.
Washington	City of Kent	Temporarily Suspended Bag Ban	Temporarily suspended plastic ban ordinance until after COVID-19

	City of Olympia	Temporarily Suspended Bag Ban	Temporarily waved enforcement of charge for plastic bags
	City of Bellingham	Temporarily Suspended Bag Ban	
Proposed Bans			
State	Locality (If Applicable)	Status	Additional Information/Timeline
Colorado	City of Denver	Delaying proposed ban to January 1, 2021	
Maine		Delayed	Governor Millis announced delay of bag ban originally scheduled to go into effect April 22. Enforcement will begin January 15, 2021.
Maryland		No Action	House of Delegates voted on March 12 to approve legislation creating a bag ban, legislation awaiting consideration by Maryland Senate
Ohio	Cuyahoga County	Delaying ban until January 2021	Delaying ban from July 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021
South Carolina	City of North Myrtle Beach	Delaying ban until 2021	
Pennsylvania	City of Philadelphia	Delaying ban until January 2021	
Washington		Governor signed ban into law March 25, 2020	Bag ban set to take effect January 1, 2021
Customers Taking Action			
Customer	Locality (If Applicable)	Status	Additional Information/Timeline
Dunkin Donuts		Suspended use of reusable cups	Suspended until further notice
McDonald's		Suspended use of reusable cups	Suspended until further notice
Peet's Coffee		Suspended use of reusable cups	Suspended until further notice
Tim Hortons		Suspended use of reusable cups	Suspended until further notice
Starbucks		Suspended use of reusable cups	Suspended until further notice
WaWa		Suspended self-service of beverages	Suspended until further notice
Tops Markets	NY	Suspension is lifted	Plastic bags were banned due to COVID, ban was lifted on 7/6