A look into Solid Waste Inspections at MCDPH: Single Use Plastic/Polystyrene Ban & Generator Recycling

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# **Morris County Division of Public Health**

## -Local:

Restaurant inspections Morris Plains Board of Health

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Single Use Plastic/Paper Bag, Polystyrene, Plastic straws inspections Generator Recycling inspections

# Single Use Plastic/Paper Bag, Polystyrene Food Containers & Plastic Straws

### Who does this ban affect?

- Retail stores
- Grocery stores
- Food service businesses

### - What am I looking for during my inspections?

- Plastic carryout bags (aka t-shirt style)
- Use of paper bags (Facility must be under 2,500 square ft)
- Foam containers
- Placement of plastic straws

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### NJ's Ban on Plastic Carryout Bags & Polystyrene Foam in Stores, Grocery Stores & Food Service Businesses EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2022

#### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Starting May 4, 2022, New Jersey retail stores, grocery stores and food service businesses may not provide or sell single-use plastic carryout bags and polystorene foam food service products. Single-use paper carryout bags are allowed to be provided or sold, except by grocery stores equal to or larger than 2500 square feet, which may only provide or sell reusable carryout bags. After November 4, 2021, plastic straws may be provided only upon the request of the customer.

#### WHAT IS A REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAG?

Under the law (P.L.2020 c.117), a reusable carryout bag is defined as one that:

- is made of polypropylene fabric, PET non-woven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp product, or other washable fabric, and
- 2. has stitched handles (either thread or ultrasonic), and
- 3. is designed and manufactured for at least 125 reuses.

#### WHERE CAN A BUSINESS PURCHASE PRODUCTS ALLOWED UNDER THE LAW?

Businesses may contact any distributor or manufacturer to obtain products that meet the requirements of the law. As a courtesy, the NJ Business Action Center's website features an online clearinghouse of wholesale vendors who provide reusable carryout bags and environmentally-sound alternative products. To access the vendor list or to register as a wholesale vendor, please go to <u>business in (av/bags/balstic-ban-law</u>.

#### WHAT POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS ARE BANNED?

As of May 4, 2022, all polystyrene foam food service products are banned for use and sale. See page 2 of this flyer for a list of exemptions. For more information, please see <u>ni.qov/deo/plastic-ban-law/#foam</u> products.

#### WHAT RETAIL AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS BAN?

For a list of businesses impacted and items banned please go to this link: https://ni.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/docs/ list-of-establishments-banned-items.pdf

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#### **EXEMPTIONS TO THE BAN**

See lists of exemptions below. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has the ability to determine additional exemptions pursuant to rule, regulation, or guidance. For more information, please see the DEP's website at <u>injov(dep)(astic-ban-law</u>).

### WAIVERS FOR POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS

The DEP may, upon written application by a person or food service business, waive the provisions of the polystyrene foam food service product ban for the person or food service business for a period not to exceed one year. If:

 there is no feasible and commercially available alternative for a specific polystyrene foam food service product; or

(2) the person or food service business has less than \$500,000 in gross annual income and there is no reasonably affordable, commercially-available alternative to the polystyrene foam food service product.

For further information on obtaining a waiver, please see the DEP's website at <u>NJ.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/</u>. The DEP may be contacted via email: <u>singleuseplastics@dep.ni.gov</u> or phone: +1(609)-984-4250.

#### EXEMPTIONS FROM PLASTIC AND PAPER CARRYOUT BAG AND PLASTIC STRAW BANS: CARRYOUT BAG AND PLASTIC STRAW FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS (ALL EXPIRE MAY 4, 2024): BANS:

- Bags used to contain or wrap uncooked meat,
- fish or poultry.Bags used to package loose items.
- Bags used to package loose items.
   Bags used to contain live animals
- Bags used to contain food sliced or prepared to order, including soup and hot food.
- Laundry, dry cleaning or garment bags.
  Bags provided by a pharmacy to carry
- prescriptions.
- Newspaper bags. Any similar bag, as determined by the Department (DEP) pursuant to rule, regulation,
- or guidance. Packages of single-use plastic straws and those
- packages of single disc plastic straws and those pre-packaged with items like juice boxes may still be sold in stores.

#### WHO ENFORCES THE LAW?

The Department of Environmental Protection, municipalities, and any entity certified by the "County Environmental Health Act". 1-877-WARN-DEP.

- Portion cups of 2 oz. or less, if used for hot foods or foods requiring lids.
   Meat and fish trays for raw or butchered meat, including poultry, or fish that is sold from a refrigerator or similar retail apoliance.
- Any food product pre-packaged by the manufacturer with a polystyrene foam food service product.

Disposable, long-handled polystyrene foam soda spoons

when required and used for thick drinks.

 Any other polystyrene foam food service product as determined necessary by the DEP.

### WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE LAW?

Beginning May 4, 2022, any person or entity that violates the law shall be subject to:

- a warning for a first offense.
  up to \$1,000 per day for the second offense.
- up to \$5,000 per day for the third and subsequent violations.
   violations of a continuing nature constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense for each day that is deemed

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# **Generator Recycling inspections**

- Who is subject to inspections?
  - Any/all businesses that generate recyclable materials

## - What is the purpose of the inspection?

- Ensure that the business has a recycling program implemented that takes care of all mandated recyclable materials that the business generates

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## **Mandated Recyclable Materials**

### MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTLITIES AUTHORIT

**Recyclable Materials Morris County, New Jersey** 

Recycle

The law requires all waste generators in Morris County to keep the materials that are listed below separate from garbage to be recycled ("source separation"). These materials must remain separated from garbage until they reach an appropriate recycling facility. Everyone is a waste generator and must keep the recyclable materials listed below separate from garbage whether at home, at work or at play. If a location does not have separate receptacles for these mandated recyclable materials, speak to the management and tell them recycling is the law. Waste generators include, but are not limited to, residents, (single-family homes, multifamily complexes, hotels), office buildings, businesses, schools, restaurants, shopping centers, medical facilities, government buildings, recreational areas, and construction sites.

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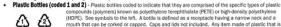
\*For information on proper disposal of these items and other household bazardous waste, contact the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA). See contact information bel

\*\*Tires are allowed to be recycled and/or incinerated for energy recovery.

For further information on recycling or other waste disposal questions, visit www.MCMUA.com or call your town's recycling coordinator or the MCMUA. See next page for the definition of each material

### Definitions of Materials Mandated to be Source Separated and Recycled In Morris County, New Jersey

- Aluminum Cans Cans made from aluminum that was manufactured to hold a serving of a beverage. Specifically omitted on are aluminum foil and aluminum pie plates.
- Glass Bottles and Jars Bottles and jars made from glass including clear, brown, and green glass. A bottle is defined as a
  receptacle having a narrow neck and a mouth that can be corked or capped. A jar is defined as a wide-mouthed container that can be capped. Caps and lids not included. Specifically omitted from this definition are drinking glasses, windows, ors, light bulbs, and anything made of Pyrex® or ceramic



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- mouth that can be corked or capped. Caps and lids not included. Any item made of plastic that is not a bottle, and any plastic bottle without one of the symbols shown to the left is specifically omitted from this definition. Empty bottles which contained hazardous materials, such as motor oil, HDPE antifreeze, etc. should not be recycled.
- + Steel (Tin) Cans An air-tight container for the distribution or storage of goods, composed of thin, usually ferrous, metal. Examples are soup cans and tuna fish cans.
- Newspaper A publication containing news, information, and advertising, usually printed on low-cost paper called Newspaper may include glossy inserts which come with the paper, dependent upon the market conditions at the
- Corrugated Cardboard Shipping containers made with kraft paper linerboard and corrugated medium
- Mixed Paper Various categories of recyclable paper including, but not limited to white and colored paper used in printers, photocopiers and fax machines, white and colored ledger paper, carbonless copy paper, construction paper, undeliverable mail, mailed promotional letters/advertisements/circulars, magazines, catalogues, envelopes, soft cover books,
- · Leaves Vegetative material, typically generated in the autumn when they fall from trees and then are raked from tents' and/or commercial lawns.
- · Grass Clippings Vegetative material generated when grass (lawns) is cut.
- Brush Branches, woody plants, and other similar vegetative material. Leaves and grass do not constitute brush Natural Wood Waste - Logs, stumps, branches, and other wood tree parts. Dimensional lumber is omitted from inclusion
  - in this defin
- Oll-Contaminated Soll Non-hazardous soil that contains petroleum hydrocarbons (gasoline, diesel, kerosene, jet fuel, #4 & #6 heating oils and certain other refinery products including coal tar). This type of soil shall be determined to be non hazardous in accordance with the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:26.
- Used Motor Oil Motor oil from motor vehicles, lawn mowers, boats, etc., which has served its intended useful purpose. · Lead-Acid Batteries - Storage batteries in which the electrodes are grids of lead containing lead oxides that change in
- composition during charging and discharging, and the electrolyte is dilute suffurie acid. These include starting batteries such as car batteries that deliver a short burst of high power to start the engine. In addition, they may include deep cell batteries found on boats or campers used to power accessories like trolling motors, winches, or lights, · Hazardous Dry Cell Batteries - Rechargeable batteries, such as nickel-cadmium, nickel-iron, nickel metal hydride, lithiun
- ion, small sealed lead acid, etc. These are often used as substitutes for non-rechargeable batteries in standard sizes such as AM, A, C, D and 9V. Rechargeable batteries are commonly found in cordiess tools, cellular and cordiess phones, laptop computers, cameras, remote controls, toys, etc. Also included in this definition are non-rechargeable batteries that are hazardosus as defined by the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA\*), regardless of the RCRA exclusion of household waste from the definition of hazardous waste pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 261.4(b). Non-rechargeable, hazardous batteries include older alkaline and carbon zinc batteries as well as silve roxide, mercury, and magnesium button type batteries, etc. It should be noted that domestically manufactured alkaline and carbon zinc non-rechargeable batteries made after circa 1994 eliminated mercury content to the point that they should not be considered RCRA hazardous and therefore are not included in this material category.
- Metal Appliances Appliances composed predominantly of metal, and may include stoves, washing machines and dryers, for example, if the appliance is predominantly metal. Also included are air conditioners, refrigerators, and dehumidifiers if they are predominantly metal. If these applicances on the latter list contain refrigerants that are prohibited by the Clean Air Act from being knowingly vented, the refrigerant must be recovered accordingly.
- Whole Tires\* Tires that are whole, not chipped into small pieces. \*Tires are allowed to be recycled and/or incinerated for energy recovery
- Televisions, Computers, Tablets, Laptops, Monitors, Desktop Printers and Desktop Faxes These listed electronic items are banned from the garbage in a rdance with New Jersey's Electronic Waste Management Act and must be recycled at designated programs

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# **Generator Recycling inspections**

- What is the facility generating?
  - Corrugated cardboard for their shipments
  - Paper from offices
  - Plastic bottles/containers, aluminum cans/bottles
- How are they separating and storing these items?
  - Trash bin & blue recycling bin for single stream
  - Cardboard bales in a trailer/on wooden pallets





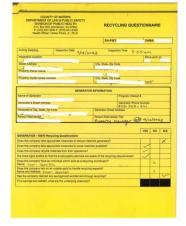








In compliance









approx. 150 apartment

Facility in compliance







## **Out of Compliance**

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Does this company recyc	Se materials from their operations?			-	1
Are there signs posted so	but the employees/customers are aware	of the recycling requirements?		×	-
Does this company have Name:	an individual whom acts as a recycling co-	ordinator?		×	
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Paper - High grade	Pastic #2	Langeslight bulbs	Thermosta	emotals				
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		Contraction, Force, Internet, and						
			YES	NO	NA			
STORAGE								
is them a designated area	for recycling roll off containers?			X				
Are the containers marked	clearly to ensure that recyclables a	re not commingled?		×				
Is there cross-contaminate	n of garbage with recyclables?		~	-				
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	adequate capacity for recyclables?			-	1			
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			YES	NO	NO			
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Date: 2/27/23



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Violations: N.J.A.C. 7:26A-10.2



EH-PMT-OHM#: Date: 2/27/23 Responsible Party: Investigator: Bri Rodriguez ocation: Incident Description: Photos show recycling generator inspection, facility only has one solid waste container on site where both trash and mandated recyclables are combined. Facility out of

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Violations: N.J.A.C. 7:26A-10.2

### 30 day re-inspection:

EH-PMT-OHM#

Date: 4/6/2023

**Responsible Party:** 

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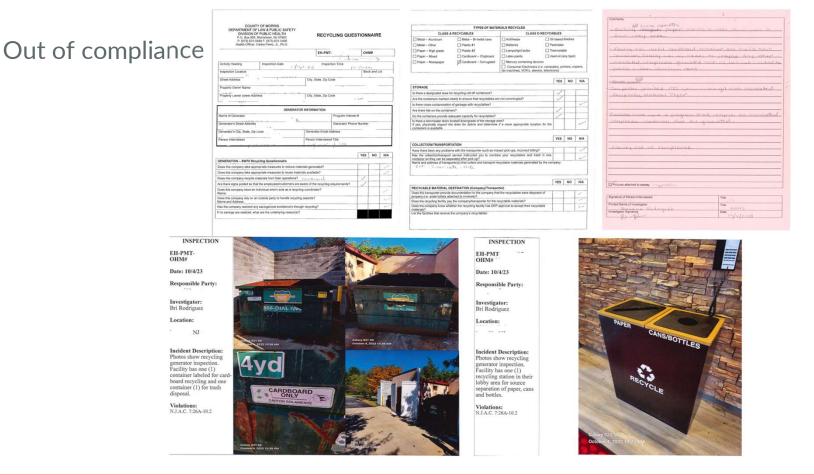
Investigator: Bri Rodriguez

Location:

Incident Description: Photos show recycling generator reinspection, facility supplied with one (1) trash container and one (1) single stream container. Containers properly labeled. No commingling observed during time of inspection. Facility in compliance.

Violations: N/A





# Conclusion

### Education

- Providing educational material
- Joined inspections with recycling coordinators
- Refer them to their MRC

### How do I choose which locations to inspect?

- -Morris county map/spreadsheet
- -DEP incident referral
- -Referrals/complaints through civilians/government agencies

## Thank you

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