

**2022 Comm Course  
Chat Transcript Plastic Session**

**Resources:**

- NJ Clean Communities - flyers, sample press releases, window clings.  
<https://www.bagupnj.com>
- NJDEP Questions - Bags & Foam [singleuseplastics@dep.nj.gov](mailto:singleuseplastics@dep.nj.gov)
- NJDEP Plastics FAQ/Website. <https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law>
- NJ Dept of Health - Straws Only  
<https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/retailfood/singleuseplasticstraws.shtml>
- ANJEC Plastics Website - FAQs, flyers <https://njnoplastics.org/>
- Clean Communities <https://www.njclean.org> Possible funds for reusable bags etc.
- <https://gogreengalloway.org/>
- Many stores accept plastic film for recycling... Lowes, Whole Foods, etc. They are used by companies like Trex to make landscaping supplies, like boards and handrails for decks. Very easy to recycle. Wegman's and shoprite also collect plastic bags
- NJ Business Action Center: <https://business.nj.gov/bags/plastic-ban-law>
- Foam food service waiver: [singleuseplastics@dep.nj.gov](mailto:singleuseplastics@dep.nj.gov) or call 609-984-4250
- <https://www.facebook.com/ANJECpage>
- Anjec Views Youtube Channel

**Questions:**

- How are we reaching to ethnic businesses that English as a second language may not understand these bans. Many of these business still just handout straws?  
Answer: NJ Business action center has been hosting webinars with trade organizations such as the Asian Food Alliance. NJ CC does have information in multiple languages.
- Do long term care and similar facilities have to comply with the new law?  
Answer: Yes, CARE facilities do have to comply
- How will food pantries and meals on wheels be able to comply?  
Answer: ANJEC is working with and on the request by some food pantries. Some pantries are already using reusable bags. The law permit food pantries to use paper bags. We are working on identifying funding for the purchase of reusable bags for pantries.
- Would it be a violation to re-use plastic bags? I have a ton and I know our local thrift store uses old/previously used plastic bags. Would this not be allowed any longer?

Answer: Great idea. You CAN absolutely bring and reuse any bag you like. Stores just won't be giving out plastic bags and, in some cases paper bags, after May 4.

- Are reusable bags recyclable?

Answer: At end of life, most reusable bags can be recycled through textile recycling - depends on material

- People in my town have asked about bags used by grocery stores for "shop from home" and grocery delivery services. Do you know how those bags will be regulated?

Answer: Home delivery for groceries is a question we're asking the Plastics Council to address when they meet first on April 4.

- What about hospitals? The food service is all plastics.

The cafeteria's in hospitals must comply. There are exemptions for pre-packaged food if you are looking at what is served to patients.