

*Punching Out Plastic:
Celebrate One Year Anniversary of the Plastic
Pollution Reduction Act*

We will get started shortly



Before we begin...

- This session will be recorded & available afterwards to all registrants
- Please send us your questions in the Q&A and we will address them soon.
- If we do not get to your question, feel free to email us at info@anjec.org

Agenda

- Jennifer Coffey, Executive Director, ANJEC
- Nandini Checko, Project Director, ANJEC
- Heather Miara, Environmental Specialist, Union County Bureau of Recycling & Planning & Sayreville Environmental Commissioner



ANJEC's Mission

The mission of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) is to promote local action to protect and restore New Jersey's natural resources and ensure equitable, healthy communities.

ANJEC advances its mission by engaging in diverse and inclusive practices through leadership, partnerships, education, advocacy for strong public policy and support of environmental commissions, public officials, and communities throughout New Jersey.



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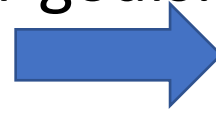


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WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Please complete our quick online “Member Interest Form” so we can better support you in accomplishing your goals.



Member Interest Form



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PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION ACT

Quiz: Fact or Fiction?



Plastic Pollution Reduction Law is working!

- ▶ 5.5 billion plastic bags (NJ Food Council)
- ▶ 110 million paper bags (NJ Food Council)

Eliminated from NJ's waste stream

- First time since 2007, plastic bags were NOT included in Clean Action Ocean's 2022 Beach Sweep Dirty Dozen list



The Plastics Advisory Council

- ▶ 16 members (with guidance from NJDEP)
- ▶ Goals: Submit written reports to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the law, make recommendations to reduce the use of plastics, the amount of plastic entering the environment and increase the rate of plastics recycling

<https://dep.nj.gov/get-past-plastic/plastics-advisory-council/>



RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTIONS NJ CAN DO TO REDUCE PLASTIC POLLUTION – July 2022

- **Focus on enforcement!**
- **Ban single use plastic water bottles and create a bottle deposit program**
- **Improve municipal recycling programs**
- **Develop a market for reuse & refill**
- **Encourage robust waste management curriculum in schools**
- **Figure out a way to address the issue of grocery deliveries and the buildup of excess reusable bags**
- **Enact extended producer responsibility and hold manufacturers responsible and accountable for packaging waste**

Youth Power!



West Windsor Farmer's Market

Beyond Plastics NJ Youth Group: Shirin

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Video PSA

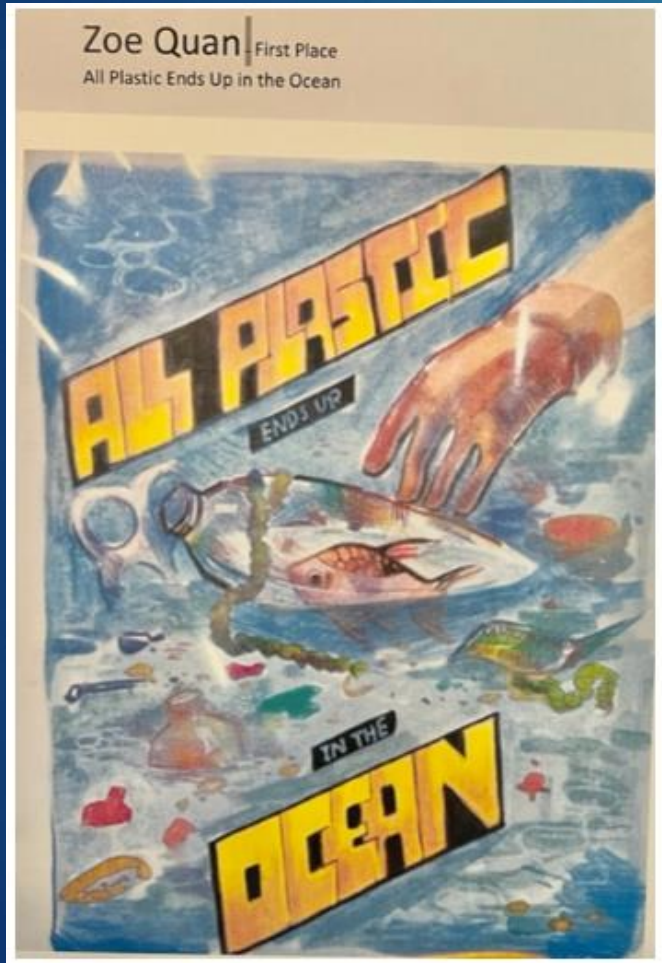
Aaron Diamant – Winner of 2022 statewide contest to make a PSA that built awareness of the new plastics law and the importance of not littering.



<https://youtu.be/6l13LZqSrCs>

East Brunswick Poster Contest

Hammar skjold Upper Elementary School



The Six "Rs"

1. Refuse products that are destined for the trash after one use.
2. Reduce items that have excess packaging or unneeded products.
3. Repair items in your home instead of discarding them
4. Reuse products to reduce waste and save money
5. Recycle if items can't be refused, reduced, or reused.
6. Rot return nutrients to the soil by composting.

Options for Grocery Deliveries

Only **2%** of orders effected

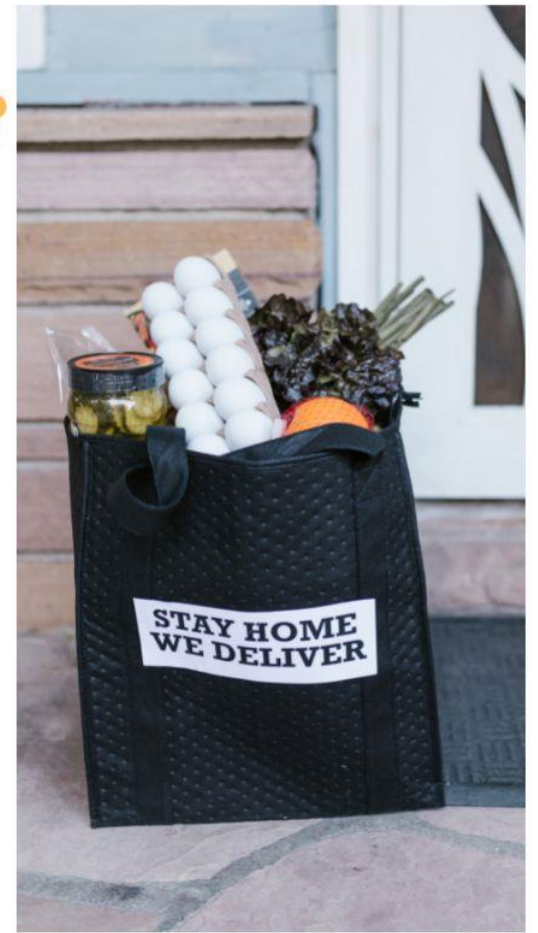
<https://cfbnj.org/reusable-bags-for-partners/>

Do you get your groceries delivered?

Insider Tip Under special instructions, request only cardboard

Have too many reusable bags?

Make sure they are clean & drop off at local food pantry/shelter



Need to Report a Violation?

- ▶ County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) agent for bags/Styrofoam:
<https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/get-past-plastic/docs/ceha-agency-directory.pdf>
- ▶ The Department of Health enforces the plastic straw provision of the law.
<https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/phfpp/retailfood/singleuseplasticstraws.shtml>



EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Brands reduce packaging. Remaining packaging is free of toxics and is recyclable/contains recycled content.

Retailers and brands implement reuse + refill systems.

Brands invest in infrastructure to improve recycling and reuse.

Consumers return or recycle product packaging.

Brands pay for costs of recycling and disposing of product packaging.



BEYOND PLASTICS

EPR Legislation Coming to NJ – S426

EPR in:
Maine
Oregon
Colorado
California



Municipal Resolution of Support Packaging Reduction Act S426/A1444

RESOLUTION #XX-XX

TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH OF XX, COUNTY OF XX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO SUPPORT PACKAGING REDUCTION ACT

Support for the New Jersey State Legislature to Pass a Strong Packaging Product Stewardship Act
(S426/A1444)

WHEREAS, packaging constitutes one-third of the municipal waste stream in New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, managing packaging waste costs New Jersey taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and

WHEREAS, some packaging is not recyclable, and

WHEREAS, plastic causes serious pollution throughout its entire lifecycle - from extraction of the fossil fuels used to make it, to its manufacture, its petrochemical additives, its use, and its disposal, and

WHEREAS, those who produce these materials should help bear the costs of managing them, and

WHEREAS, enacting the Packaging Product Stewardship Act, as drafted in the NJ Senate and Assembly
(S426/A1444) would reduce waste, increase recycling rates, create green sector jobs, reduce toxicity in
products, provide millions of dollars in savings for local governments and taxpayers, and lowers greenhouse
gas emissions, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that [\[INSERT JURISDICTION\]](#) urges the New Jersey State Legislature to pass to sign into law a
strong and effective Packaging Product Stewardship Act,

RESOLVED, further, [That \[INSERT JURISDICTION\]](#) shall forward copies of this resolution to:

1. Senator Bob Smith [Senbsmith@njleg.org]
2. Assembly Rep James Kennedy [Asmkennedy@njleg.org]
3. Association of NJ Environmental Commissions [Info@aniec.org]



Skip the Stuff Ordinances



Maplewood Ordinance
<https://njnoplastics.org/resources>

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Coordinator and
Recycling Coordinator
Credits!

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<https://www.nj.gov/dep/get-past-plastic>

<https://litterfreenj.com>



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– Maya Angelou

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