## Busting Myths and Building Solutions: The Truth About Recycling, Microplastics & Plastic Waste Reduction



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# Toxic Plastic Waste Reduction

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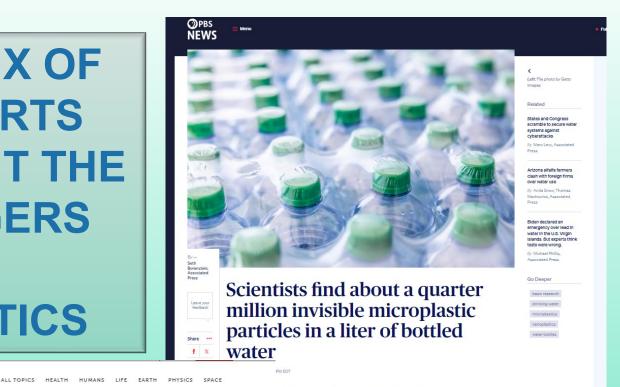


## Microplastics found in every human placenta tested in study

Scientists express concern over health impacts, with another study finding particles in arteries



INFLUX OF
REPORTS
ABOUT THE
DANGERS
OF
PLASTICS



Microplastics and other pieces of rubbish in the sand in Lanzarote, Spai

The Guardian

NEWS HEALTH & MEDICINE

A new study has linked microplastics to heart attacks and strokes. Here's what we know

The results have renewed concerns about plastics' potential effects on human health



When plastics break down over time, they can shed tiny particles (even smaller than the ones shown above) into our environment. These particles can make their

bottled water has nearly a quarter million invisible pieces of ever so etected and categorized for the first time by a microscope using

ed there were lots of these microscopic plastic pieces, but until mbia and Rutgers universities did their calculations they never knew ind. Looking at five samples each of three common bottled water found particle levels ranged from 110,000 to 400,000 per liter, 1240,000 according to a study in Monday's Proceedings of the



## What's in your body?

Detect & Detox Test Kit Test for BPA, BPS, PBF, phthalates, parabens, and oxybenzone





Based on the work started by Rachel Carson. App based – Scan and check ingredients

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#### SKIP THE STUFF ORDINANCE

- WIN Business Save \$ & labor costs
- WIN Customer Save trash costs & clutter
- WIN Environment Reduce waste
- WIN Municipality Proposed for SJ points

Engage with business community and township council to get started. Join other towns such as Maplewood, Red Bank, Stone Harbor, Jersey City and Hoboken.

• Beyond Plastics STS Toolkit <a href="https://www.beyondplastics.org/campaign-toolkits/skip-the-stuff">https://www.beyondplastics.org/campaign-toolkits/skip-the-stuff</a>



https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/S3500/3195 I1.PDF

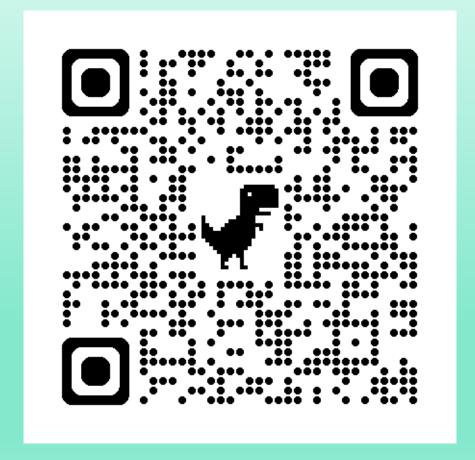


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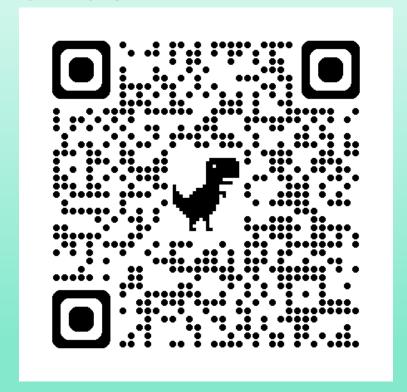
## Hoboken's Skip the Stuff Ordinance





https://ecode360.com/15245304

## ANJEC'S Model Skip the Stuff Ordinance



https://njnoplastics.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Skip\_the\_Stuff.pdf

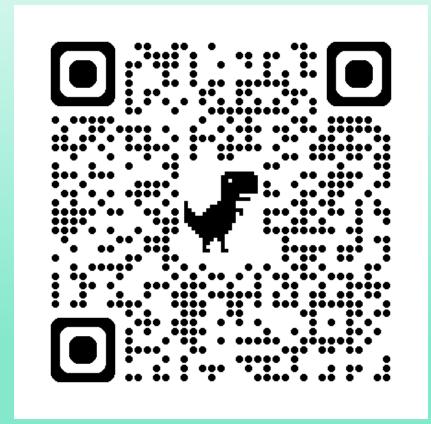


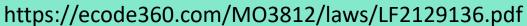
#### Combatting Waste Pollution at Construction Sites – NBC Philadelphia News

See Link for a News Report on Waste Pollution at Construction Sites:

https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/combatting-waste-pollution-at-construction-sites-at-the-jersey-shore/3758690/

### Monmouth Beach Plastic Dust Ordinance









Surfrider.org Petition

#### **CONTRACTORS**

Poor Construction Practices Lead to Environmental Contamination









#### Use Vacuums

When cutting or drilling AZEK-TREX or any plastic polycompound materials, use a vacuum attachment on all saws when practical.



#### **Contain Dust**

Cut and drill in confined spaces to keep dust to a minimum and ease of cleanup. Never cut or drill without a tarp under power tools. Clean up plastic contaminants before leaving your site.



#### Do Not Blow Away Dust

DO NOT blow your debris into the storm drains. That just washes them into our water systems for contamination that lasts thousands of years.

#### KEEP PLASTICS AND CONTAMINANTS OUT OF THE OCEAN, BAYS, AND WETLANDS



Once created, plastic will stay around for hundreds – or even thousands – of years, in which time it can pollute and poison environments and the animals that inhabit them.



#### WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR SHORES!

### **Thank You!**

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https://www.nj.gov/dep/get-past-plastic https://litterfreenj.com