



**MEDFIELD PLASTIC REDUCTION INITIATIVE**  
Supported by the Medfield Transfer Station and Recycling Committee



# Bylaw goes into effect November 1st 2019

## REMINDERS FOR MERCHANTS & BUSINESSES

As of November 1, 2019, merchants in town will no longer be able to provide plastic bags at checkout.

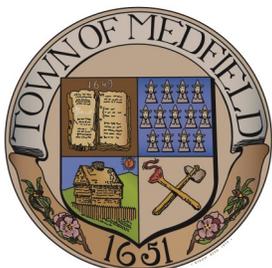
This includes restaurants.

The bylaw does NOT ban dry cleaner bags, produce bags used for meat and produce within a store.

### Important Information

Here are last minute tips to help you prepare for the November 1st deadline.

- ◆ Bylaw enactment is November 1, 2019.
- ◆ If you already sell or provide reusable bags, ensure the bags comply with the bylaw.  
Wording in our bylaw states:
  - Reusable checkout bag:** A sewn bag with stitched handles that is:
    1. specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse;
    2. can carry 25 lbs. over a distance of 300 feet; and
    3. is made of cloth or other machine washable fabric provided that it may not be constructed of polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride.
- ◆ If you don't currently sell them, consider doing so (make sure they're compliant).
- ◆ Make sure any paper bags you distribute at check out conform to the bylaw:
  - Recyclable paper bag:** A paper bag that is:
    1. 100 percent recyclable, including the handles
    2. contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled paper content; and
    3. displays the words "recyclable" and "made from 40% post-consumer recycled content" (or other applicable amount) in a visible manner on the outside of the bag.
- ◆ Encourage your customers to use **reusable bags and containers** (success here means lower costs for you and less storage space taken up with bags).
- ◆ **Ask customers if they need a bag.** Rather than automatically giving bags out, this easy step will remind customers to bring their own bags, and ultimately save you money.



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Or contact:  
Office of the Town Administrator  
Town of Medfield  
459 Main St  
508-906-3012

Enclosed with this mailing you will find a POSTER that you can hang in your store-front window, reminding your patrons to bring reusable bags starting Nov. 1st.

For additional copies of this POSTER, please visit:  
[town.medfield.net/686/Plastic-Bag-Reduction-Initiative](http://town.medfield.net/686/Plastic-Bag-Reduction-Initiative)

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