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

Bylaw goes into effect
November 1st 2019

REMIN college MERCHANTS & BUSINESSES

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.

For more information visit:
www.town.medfield.net
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

To view the full bylaw visit: www.ecode360.com/34427838