



East Brunswick It's time to go Green!

East Brunswick Township is looking to join communities in New Jersey and throughout the world to eliminate the use of single use plastic bags and plastic straws.

Why does East Brunswick want to reduce Plastic Waste?

Did you know that out of the 30 million tons of plastic that is used in America, only 8% gets recycled? This is a major problem for our environment since plastic will take a century or more to break down. So that plastic bag that is used once to transport groceries or the water bottle that came with your



lunch may spend a thousand years in a landfill. As a result, we are drowning in plastic waste. The effect of plastic waste is devastating to the environment and to human health. The toxic chemicals used to make plastic often will leak out and pollute the groundwater poisoning plants, animals and human food sources.

<https://plasticpollutioncoalition.zendesk.com>

Many towns in New Jersey and throughout the world have already enacted a ban on disposable plastics. To see a list of towns in New Jersey that have already enacted plastic bans [click here](#)

The East Brunswick administration is working on an ordinance to reduce the use of disposable plastic such as shopping bags and straws. We would like to know your opinion on the suggested ordinance. Your answers will be shared with the Mayor and Sustainability Task Force. We will collect answers to the survey until September 22, 2019. Thank you for your input! To complete the survey, please click this link or copy and paste into your browser:

[EB Plastic Ban Survey](#)

Here are 5 things you can do to reduce plastic waste right now!

1. Remember your reusable bags when shopping.
2. Tell the cashier that you do not need a bag when purchasing a few items that you can carry.
3. Use reusable plastic cups, refillable water bottles and straws.
4. Bring reusable tupperware to restaurants to take leftovers home.
5. Limit the use of single use plastic utensils

For even more tips on reducing the use of plastic [Click here](#)

For more information, please be sure to visit the EB Sustainable YouTube Channel for great videos created by our EB Green Team Student Representatives!

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Thank you for doing your part to keep East Brunswick beautiful and **Green!**