

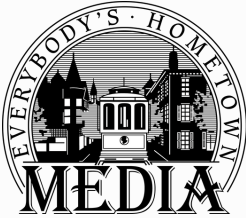
Bring a Bag When Shopping in Media Borough



**Did you know?
Media's Plastic Bag Ordinance
took effect
JANUARY 1,
2023!**

Media Borough businesses will not provide plastic bags after January 1, 2023





About the Media Borough Single Use Plastic Bag and Straw Ordinance

In July of 2022, Media Borough Council approved a single-use plastic (SUP) shopping bag and straw ordinance, in close collaboration with Media businesses and restaurants and the Media Business Authority. The Ordinance went into effect January 1, 2023. Enforcement begins July 1, 2023.

Notable points of the proposal include:

- **Single-use plastic (SUP) shopping bags** (including bio-based or compostable plastic) will no longer be offered to customers at Media businesses. Customers should be encouraged to bring their own bags whenever possible.
- **Straws** (of any kind) may be available to customers only upon request. Straws should always be available upon request for disabled customers.
- Businesses can provide **paper bags** with a minimum 40% recycled paper stock or reusable bags. Businesses have the option to charge a bag fee to a customer's receipt for the use of a paper bag. The purpose of the fee is to help support businesses with the added costs of switching to a paper bag and also to encourage consumers to bring their own bag, which is the goal of this ordinance.
- Businesses are required to post signage encouraging customers to bring their own reusable bag. Signage may be placed at the counter, in the window, or on the wall. See the links below for various sign sizes.
- The **ordinance timeline** provides ample time for businesses to use up existing stock and find viable alternatives to SUP bags and straws. The ordinance went into effect starting JANUARY 1, 2023.
- **Enforcement and fines for violations start July 1, 2023.** A Commercial Establishment that violates or fails to comply with the ordinance requirements will receive an initial written warning notice. Subsequent violations would be subject to potential fines.

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