



**Per Ordinance 2024-2377, beginning Wednesday, January 1, 2025, commercial establishments in Phoenixville Borough are prohibited from providing single use plastic carry out bags and non-compliant paper bags to customers.**



SINGLE-USE PLASTIC  
CARRY OUT BAGS



REUSABLE TOTE BAGS



RECYCLABLE PAPER BAGS

On January 9, 2024, the Borough of Phoenixville's Councilmembers passed an ordinance prohibiting retail establishments from providing single-use plastic bags and non-recycled paper bags to their customers beginning January 1, 2025.

The use of single-use plastic bags has numerous severe environmental impacts, including increasing greenhouse gas emissions. It is estimated that by 2030, plastic production will surpass coal for climate change impact. Plastics also contribute to litter, add to ground level ozone formation, acid deposition, and solid waste generation, as well as harm wildlife. Microplastics can enter the human body through ingestion and inhalation where they may be taken up in various organs and can affect health. The goals of the Councilmembers in passing this ordinance are to conserve resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce waste, litter, and water pollution, and to protect the public health and welfare.

Enforcement of this ordinance will not occur until 6 months after enactment, to allow establishments to prepare for this change and use up any old inventory of plastic bags.

You can do your part to help the environment by bringing your own reusable bags when you go shopping.

For more information on Phoenixville's Plastic Bag Ban, please visit [phoenixville.org/plastics](http://phoenixville.org/plastics)