

Plastic Bag Recycling Ban - June 1, 2020

Recycle boxes/carts that contain plastic bags will **NOT** receive collection starting June 1, 2020.

Below are many examples of plastic bags to better guide you. Plastic bags belong in the garbage once you are done with them. **Thank you for supporting this ban.**

No Plastic Bags



Transparent Recycling Bags



Grocery Bags



Bread Bags



Newspaper Bags



Chip / Snack Bags



Frozen Food Bags



Pet Waste Bags



Product Plastic Bags (any type of product)



Net Bags



Storage Bags



Milk Bags



Cereal / Food Insert Bags

No Plastic Wrap



Case Wrap -any type (water/drink, etc.)



Case Wrap - any type (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.)



Bubble Wrap



Plastic Film/Cling Wrap



Plastic Wipe Wrap



Candy / Granola Bar Wrap

No Plastic Pouches / Tubes



Flexible Plastic



Food Pouches



Pet Pouches (Food / Treats)



Pop Up Pouch



Yogurt / Food Tubes



Beauty / Body / Hygiene Tubes

No Plastic Packaging



Plastic Packaging



Air Pillows



Shipping Peanuts



Food Packaging



Plastic CD / DVD's & Cases



Plastic Tarp



This ban applies to where you live, work and play
(at home, work, or out in the community - parks, events, arenas, etc.)



Banned from recycling June 1, 2020.

What is happening on June 1, 2020?

- Recycle boxes/cart that contain plastic bags will **NOT receive collection** starting June 1, 2020. **Even plastic bags with a recycling symbol (loop) are banned.**
- It applies to Windsor/Essex County: single family homes, townhouses/condos, apartment buildings, businesses, institutions and industry. Where you live, work, and play!

Why is this ban happening?

- Our recycling programs are not designed to process plastic bags.
- Plastic bags add cost to the taxpayer as they create issues at the recycle plants (e.g. added maintenance and disposal costs).
- All plastic bags end up in the landfill as waste-even those that enter the recycling plant.

How does this ban affect you?

- If any plastic bags are found in your recycling box/cart **all your recycling will be left at the curb.**

Plastic Bags can't be:

- Used as a recycling container (e.g., a plastic bag containing water bottles).
- Placed **loose** in the box/cart (e.g., plastic food bag).

Tips to Say Bye, Bye to Plastic Bags!

- Place recyclables **LOOSE** in your boxes/carts.
- **Don't** line your recycling cart/box with plastic liners - save \$\$.
- Buy more recycle boxes at local Home Hardware Stores - only \$6 plus tax.
- If you have excess recyclables (e.g., hosted a party), bring them to any EWSWA Public Drop-Off Depot for free.
- Try pre-cycling...don't buy products in plastic bags.
- Download the FREE Recycle Coach App for more information on recycling.



If your boxes/carts contain ANY plastic bags your recycling will NOT be collected.