



Consumer Guide

On February 19, 2019 the Hamden Legislative Council passed the Reusable Checkout Bag Ordinance, banning the distribution of plastic and non-compliant paper checkout bags in the Town of Hamden.

A few important components of the ordinance:

1. Starting September 14, 2019, Hamden retail establishments may only dispense ordinance compliant paper checkout bags.
2. Bag exemptions include: Non checkout product bags—such as those used to protect or contain dry cleaned garments, curbside newspapers, and wet or food items (e.g. produce, meat, fish, flowers, bulk foods, bread and cheese)
3. The Town’s Litter Agent or its designee will enforce the ordinance. Hardship deferments are available for business establishments.
4. General questions about the ordinance may be directed to the Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD) @ www.qvhd.org/BYOHamden or (203) 248-4528.

The ban becomes enforceable on September 14, 2019.

At-a-glance reference guide:

