

# BAG BAN RESTORES BALANCE IN THE FORCE



In a galaxy far, far away, an engineer invented a one-piece plastic bag to make transporting purchased goods more convenient.

Little did the engineer know, his invention would create a great imbalance in the Force.

In 1979 these bags landed in the U.S. and have wreaked havoc by making homes in our trees, tumbling down our roads, and polluting our waterways.

On November 4th, 2020, New Jersey helped restore balance in the Force by enacting a bag ban law to prevent single-use plastic bag litter and reduce plastic waste.

## **THE BAG BAN WILL TAKE EFFECT ON MAY 4TH, 2022.**

Retail and grocery stores 2,500 sq ft. or greater will no longer offer single-use plastic bags at checkouts.

**Do your part to save the galaxy - balance the Force by shopping with reusable bags today!**

We're here to help. The County has partnered with the NJ Clean Communities Bag Up NJ campaign to distribute reusable bags throughout the year at various events.

Several towns have also joined the campaign to hand out reusable bags to their residents. Contact your town to inquire.

## **AND MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU...**