

# Campaign to Ban Plastic Bags in Weston

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# Why?

- Chokes marine life
- Takes 1,000 years to disintegrate into even smaller particles that still pollute the earth
- Uses millions of gallons of crucial petroleum
- Americans throw away 1 billion plastic bags yearly, but only 1-3% are ever recycled
- Plastic bags clog waterways, causing floods
- Plastic bags are part of the worldwide global warming epidemic



# Who Is On Board?

- Over 150 Westonites eighteen or older and Deirdre Doran, the head of the Weston Sustainability Committee
- Other Neighboring Towns In Connecticut
  - Westport (where a law is passed)
  - Towns of Darien and Wilton (where people are trying to pass a law)



# What Could the Law Say?

- Ordinance: Only reusable bags and/or recyclable bags are to be provided as checkout bags to retail customers
- **ONLY** the following bags are allowed
  - Plastic produce bags made of very thin material for meat, fruit, or vegetables
  - Plastic bags that have more than one opening, such as dry cleaners bags
  - Plastic bags measuring 28" by 36" or larger

# Places that have banned plastic

## bags

American Samoa  
Aspen, CO  
Austin, TX  
Berkeley, CA  
Bethel, Alaska  
Boulder, CO  
Brownsville, TX  
Calabasas, CA  
Edmonds, WA  
Fairfax, VA  
Long beach, CA  
Malibu, CA  
Manhattan Beach, CA  
Maui, HI  
NY City  
Palo Alto, CA  
San Carlos, CA  
San Francisco, CA  
San Jose, CA  
San Mateo, CA  
Santa Clara County, CA  
Santa Cruz, CA  
Santa Monica, CA  
Seattle, WA  
South Padre, TX  
Telluride, CO  
Washington D.C.  
Westport, CT

Italy  
Mexico City  
Thompson City,  
Canada  
Wood Buffalo,  
Alberta, Canada (All  
single-use bags)  
Thailand  
Delhi, India  
Mumbai, India  
Karwar, India  
Tirumala, India  
Vasco, India  
Rangoon, Burma  
Bangladesh (bags  
have been banned  
since 2002)  
Rwanda



# Thank You!

We are trying to make our world a better place, so we are asking for your help to pass this law. We hope that you are convinced enough to work with us on banning plastic bags.

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