



# Uwchlan Township

715 North Ship Road Exton, PA 19341-1940 Phone (610) 363-9450 FAX (610) 363-0518 [www.uwchlan.com](http://www.uwchlan.com)

October 28, 2022

RE: Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance

Dear Business Owner,

On September 12, 2022, Uwchlan Township enacted Ordinance 2022-06, which restricts Commercial Establishments from providing Single-Use Carry-Out Plastic Bags. An interim transition period is currently in effect, and the prohibition will go into effect on March 16, 2023. The Ordinance also prohibits the use of single-use plastic straws or polystyrene food containers.

We encourage your business to carefully review the requirements found in the full text of the ordinance, which can be found electronically on the Uwchlan Township website at <http://uwchlan.com/276/Sustainable-Uwchlan>. The following is a summary of the main points of the ordinance related to Single-use Carry-Out Plastic Bags:

1. As of March 16, 2023, commercial establishments within the Township will be prohibited from providing single-use plastic bags to customers at point-of-sale;
2. Commercial establishments may make recyclable paper bags available to customers for a uniform charge of \$0.15 per recyclable paper bag;
3. All monies collected for the sale of recyclable paper bags may be retained by the commercial establishments;
4. Any charge for a recyclable paper bag shall be separately stated on the receipt provided to the customer
5. Commercial establishments are required to post signage informing customers of the plastic bag prohibition and fee for recyclable paper bags (A sample sign is enclosed and can be used as provided); and
6. Beginning on March 16, 2023, commercial establishments are prohibited from providing single-use plastic straw and polystyrene containers to customers.

Uwchlan Township is committed to supporting efforts to reduce the amount of waste that must be disposed of by implementing a waste management hierarchy. The Township believes that it is in the interest of Township residents to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags, single-use plastic straws, and polystyrene food containers to protect the public health and the natural environment.

If your business requires assistance carrying out its responsibilities pursuant to Ordinance 2022-06, please do not hesitate to contact us via the number listed at the top of the page or visit [www.uwchlan.com](http://www.uwchlan.com) for additional resources. We thank you for your continued commitment to sustainability in Uwchlan Township.