



Somerville Plastic Bag Ban Petition

There are 100 billion non-degradable plastic bags used in this country every year. Most plastic pollution at sea starts out on land as litter on beaches, streets and sidewalks. Rain or overwatering flushes that litter through a storm drain system or directly to creeks, streams and rivers that lead to the ocean. After plastics enter the marine environment they slowly photodegrade into smaller pieces that marine life can mistake for food, sometimes with fatal results. Researchers fear that plastic bags may never fully decompose; instead, they gradually just turn into smaller and smaller pieces of plastic.

There are a number of Massachusetts towns that have a Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance in place including: Brookline, Great Barrington, Manchester and Nantucket (ban in effect since 1990). There are also several towns in the process of deciding whether to move forward on this ban, including Cambridge.

We think Somerville should be a leader in reducing the amount of waste in our environment. We the undersigned are in favor of banning single use plastic bags from retailers in Somerville.

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