

Democracy is not a spectator sport

At Town Meeting Vote YES on

Article 23

Article 24



eliminate
single-use plastic
checkout bags
from stores &
restaurants

Why ban the bag?

Plastic checkout bags are a litter problem, harm wildlife locally and far away, are seldom recycled properly and can increase recycling costs

- + Promotes the use of reusable shopping bags
- + Allows paper bags with at least 40% recycled content
- + Preserves the ability to use plastic bags for dry cleaning, newspapers, produce, meat, bulk foods, wet items

42 Mass. cities and towns have already passed similar bans

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| Adams | Greenfield | Northampton |
| Amherst | Great Barrington | Plymouth |
| Aquinnah | Hamilton | Provincetown |
| Barnstable | Harwich | Salem |
| Bourne | Ipswich | Sandwich |
| Bridgewater | Lee | Shrewsbury |
| Brookline | Lenox | Somerville |
| Cambridge | Manchester | Tisbury |
| Chatham | Marblehead | Truro |
| Chilmark | Mashpee | Watertown |
| Concord | Nantucket | Wellesley |
| Dennis | Natick | Wellfleet |
| Edgartown | Newburyport | West Tisbury |
| Falmouth | Newton | Williamstown |

Wayland should too!
Based on those towns' experience, the cost to Wayland will be minimal



Why are we taking fossil fuels that need millions of years to create, turn them into an item that is used for a few minutes and can then damage the environment for a 1000 years?

Article 24

eliminate polystyrene for takeout food & beverage containers & utensils

- + Encourages food establishments to use environmentally friendly alternatives
- + Allows the use of other non-toxic forms of plastic
- + Preserves the use of polystyrene packaging for raw food like meats, egg cartons

20 Mass. cities and towns have banned polystyrene products

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| Amherst | Hamilton | Somerville |
| Brookline | Ipswich | South Hadley |
| Cambridge | Lenox | Westfield |
| Concord | Marblehead | Westford |
| Dennis | Nantucket | Williamstown |
| Great Barrington | Lee | Winthrop |
| Greenfield | Pittsfield | |

Why ban polystyrene?



It is the only plastic used in food packaging based on a carcinogen (styrene). Styrene residues are now found in 100% of human fat tissue samples. It does not biodegrade. The foam easily ends up as litter because of its light weight, and is known to harm at least 267 marine species. It takes up lots of room in landfills. It cannot be recycled.

Wayland should too! Based on those towns' experience, the cost to Wayland will be minimal. This ban is a big step toward sustainable, non-toxic packaging made from natural materials: good for all of us!

Town Meeting begins on April 2, 1 p.m.

in the Wayland High School Field House (264 Old Connecticut Path)

If necessary, it will continue on:
Monday April 3, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 5, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday April 6, 7:00 p.m.

There are 28 articles in total.

For more information, visit
<http://www.wayland.ma.us>, click on "Town Meeting Information".

Your presence and your vote matter!