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Here's A List Of Every City In The US To Ban Plastic Bags, Will Your City Be Next?

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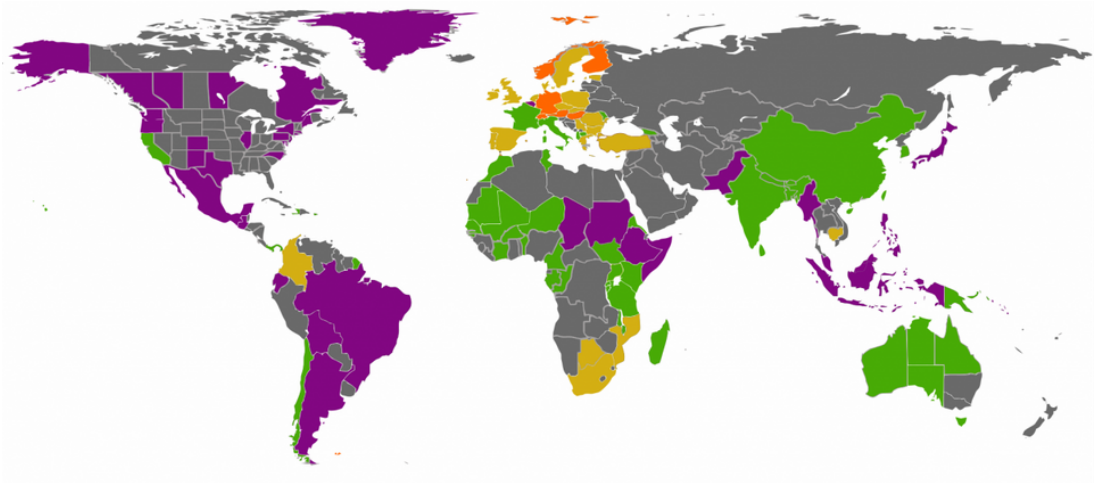
Cities around the United States that have banned plastic bags. PIXABAY

There is a popular and growing movement to ban or heavily tax single-use plastic bags across the United States and globally. Here, we've collected the 349 known cities, counties, and states to have, in some way, banned or taxed plastic bag use.

[Reuse This Bag](#) estimates that a plastic bag has a 12-minute lifespan from when it's initially filled with groceries at the grocery store to when it is discarded. Compare this with estimates that those same plastic bags take anywhere from [10 to 1,000 years](#) to decompose depending on what environmental conditions the bag is disposed of in. Quickly, the picture becomes clear that for a few minutes of use, plastic bags weigh heavily on long-term environmental impact.

These bags eventually make their way to landfills and into our oceans, adding to the [8 million metric tons of plastic entering the ocean](#) every year. This impact every scale of marine ecosystems, from bottom feeders and microorganisms to whales.

Currently, only Hawaii and California have statewide plastic bag bans, with several other cities having either mandatory recycling programs, taxes on plastic bag use, etc.



Plastic bag bans across the United States WIKICOMMONS

When you zoom out on a global scale, we find dozens of countries that have banned single-use plastic bags. While many countries around the world have taken the steps to ban plastic bags country-wide, the United States has taken a piecemeal approach.

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When looking through the list of cities that have partially or wholly banned plastic bags, it's important to note this is an active area of legislation. Local governments across the United States have plans to vote on a ban in the coming years. If you'd like to use a great interactive map of each state, visit [Bag The Ban](#).

City / County	State	Ban
DEL MAR	CA	City-wide ban on plastics bags and a 10-cent fee on paper and re

ALAMEDA COUNTY	CA	County-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper and stores, and in all restaurants
ST. HELENA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and a 10-cent fee on paper bags
OCEANSIDE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and ten-cent fee on paper bags
SAN DIEGO	CA	City-wide ban on single-use plastic bags and ten-cent fee on pap
DANVILLE	CA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
SACRAMENTO COUNTY	CA	County-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
YOUNTVILLE	CA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY	CA	County-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
CATHEDRAL CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
HERMOSA BEACH	CA	City-wide ban on plastic and 10-cent fee on paper
AMERICAN CANYON	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MILPITAS	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
SEASIDE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper and reus
LAFAYETTE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
MANHATTAN BEACH	CA	Ban on plastic bags
FAIRFAX	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
PACIFICA	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
SACRAMENTO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee for paper bags
MARINA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
ENCINITAS	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
HERCULES	CA	Ban on plastic and ten cent fee on recycled and reusable paper b
PACIFIC GROVE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee for allowable carry
PLEASANT HILL	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
NEVADA CITY	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
MOUNTAIN VIEW	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
MONROVIA	CA	Ban on plastic bags
KING CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper and reus
MARTINEZ	CA	Ban on plastic bags
CHICO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee for paper bags
GRASS VALLEY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags

CALISTOGA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
INDIO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
WALNUT CREEK	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
BELVEDERE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on reusable bags
SOUTH PASADENA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
ARCATA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
PALM SPRINGS	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
LOS ALAMOS	CA	Ban on plastic bags
SANTA BARBARA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 5-cent fee on paper bags
MONTEREY (COUNTY)	CA	County-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper and reusable bags
SAN RAFAEL	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
NOVATO	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
PETALUMA	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
SANTA ROSA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
SALINAS	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
ROHNERT PARK	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
COTATI	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
CLOVERDALE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
HEALDSBURGH	CA	Ban on plastic and ten cent fee on paper
SAUSALITO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
SEBASTOPOL	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
SONOMA CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
SONOMA COUNTY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
WINDSOR	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
DAVIS CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
LOS ANGELES CITY	CA	Ban on plastic bags and ten-cent fee on paper bags
TRUCKEE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
ORCUTT	CA	Ban on plastic bags and paper bag tax
LOS GATOS	CA	Plastic bag ban
CAMPBELL	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a small fee on paper and reusable bags

PITTSBURG	CA	Ban on plastic bags and tax on paper bags
RICHMOND	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 5-cent paper bag tax
EL CERRITO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
SAN PABLO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 5-cent tax on plastic or reus
CULVER CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
SAN JOSE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
MILL VALLEY	CA	Ban on plastic bags
EAST PALO ALTO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
REDWOOD CITY (IN SAN MATEO COUNTY)	CA	Ban on plastic bags
CUPERTINO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
LOS ALTOS	CA	Plastic bag ban and 25 cent fee on paper bags
PALO ALTO	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
SAN CARLOS	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 5-cent fee on paper bags
HALF MOON BAY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
SAN BRUNO	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
PORTOLA VALLEY	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
PACIFICA	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 25-cent tax on paper bags
MORGAN HILL CITY	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
MENLO PARK	CA	Ban on plastic bags
BELMONT	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 25-cent fee on paper bags
FOSTER CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
DALY CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
COLMA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
SAN MATEO CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
SAN MATEO COUNTY	CA	County-wide ban on plastic bags
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
WOODSIDE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
CARPINTERIA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic and paper bags
SANTA CRUZ	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
DANA POINT	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags

CAPITOLA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 25-cent tax on paper bags
BURLINGAME	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
BRISBANE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
SUNNYVALE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper and re
WEST HOLLYWOOD	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
CARMEL BY THE SEA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MENDOCINO COUNTY	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
UKIAH COUNTY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
PLEASANTON	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper and reusable bags
PIEDMONT	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
OAKLAND	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper and reusable bags
NEWARK	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper and reusable bags
MONTEREY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 25-cent paper bag fee
ALBANY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper and reus
LIVERMORE	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper and reusable bags
BERKLEY COUNTY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
HAYWARD	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
GLENDALE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
FREMONT	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on reusable and
EMERYVILLE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on reusable and
DUBLIN	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on reusable and
CORVALLIS	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 5-cent fee on paper bags
LAGUNA BEACH	CA	Ban on plastic bags and a ten cent fee on paper bags
SAN LEANDRO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper and re
UNION CITY	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper and re
FORT BRAGG	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
ARROYO GRANDE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper
PISMO BEACH	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
PASO ROBLES	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
MORRO BAY	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
ATASCADERO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY	CA	County-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bag
GROVER BEACH	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
WATSONVILLE	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-25 cent fee on paper bag
MILLBRAE	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
SOLANA BEACH	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
PASADENA	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
OJAI	CA	Ban on plastic bags and 10-cent paper bag fee
SAN LUIS OBISPO	CA	City-wide ban with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
SAN FRANCISCO	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MARIN COUNTY	CA	Ban on plastic bags
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	CA	Ban on plastic bags and ten cent fee for paper bags
SANTA CLARA COUNTY	CA	County-wide ban on plastic bags with a 15 cent fee on paper bag
SANTA MONICA	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
LONG BEACH	CA	Ban on plastic bags and ten cent fee on paper bags
CALABASAS	CA	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent fee on paper bags
MALIBU	CA	Ban on plastic bags
CALIFORNIA (STATEWIDE)	CA	Statewide ban on single-use plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
BISBEE	AZ	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 5-cent tax on paper bags
ANCHORAGE	AK	City-wide ban on plastic bags, 10-50-cent tax for paper bags
UNALASKA	AK	City-wide ban on plastic bags
PALMER	AK	City-wide ban on plastic bags
WASILLA	AK	City-wide ban on plastic bags
CORDOVA	AK	City-wide ban on plastic bags
HOOPER BAY	AK	City-wide ban on plastic bags
BETHEL	AK	City-wide ban on plastic bags
CRESTED BUTTE	CO	City-wide ban on plastic bags
AVON	CO	Town-wide ban on plastic bags, 10-cent tax on paper bags
NEDERLAND	CO	City-wide 10-cent fee on paper and plastic bags
BRECKENRIDGE	CO	City-wide 10-percent tax on plastic bags
BOULDER	CO	10-cent fee on plastic bags
ASPEN	CO	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 20-cent fee on paper bags

CARBONDALE	CO	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 20-cent tax on paper bags
TELLURIDE	CO	City-wide ban on plastic bags with a 10-cent tax on paper bags
GREENWICH	CT	City-wide ban on plastic bags (3 year sunset)
WESTPORT	CT	Westport, CT implemented a ban on plastic bags for all retailers
WASHINGTON	DC	City-wide 5-cent tax on plastic and paper bags
CORAL GABLES	FL	City-wide ban on plastic bags
OAHU	HI	County-wide ban on plastic bags, 15-cent tax on reusable plastic plastic bags by 2020
OAHU	HI	Ban on plastic bags
HAWAII COUNTY	HI	County-wide ban on plastic bags
HONOLULU	HI	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MAUI COUNTY	HI	County-wide ban on plastic bags
KAUAI COUNTY	HI	County-wide ban on plastic bags
MARSHALL COUNTY	IA	County-wide ban on plastic bags
OAK PARK	IL	City-wide 10-cent tax for retailers over 5,000 square feet
CHICAGO	IL	City-wide 7-cent tax on plastic and paper bags
EVANSTON	IL	City-wide ban on plastic bags less than 225ml thick
DARTMOUTH	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
WILMINGTON	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
HAVERHILL	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags for businesses with 8,000 square feet
ANDOVER	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
LOWELL	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags (retail establishments 3,000 sq ft or more)
DANVERS	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
WESTFORD	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
GLOUCESTER	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
HOPKINTON	MA	Town-wide plastic bag ban
BELMONT	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
BOSTON	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags, Five-cent tax on paper, reusable bags
COHASSET	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
WINCHESTER	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
MARSHFIELD	MA	Town-wide plastic bag ban

WESTBOROUGH	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
SWAMPSCOTT	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
TOPSFIELD	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
WAYLAND	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
WAKEFIELD	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MELROSE	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags (businesses over 8,000 sq ft)
SOUTH HADLEY	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
SUDBURY	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
DALTON	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags less than 40 mils
YARMOUTH	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
ARLINGTON	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
STOCKBRIDGE	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
BOURNE	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
OAK BLUFFS	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
FRAMINGHAM	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
EDGARTOWN	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags and fee on paper and reusable bags
ATHOL	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
SANDWICH	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
IPSWICH	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags and fee on paper bags
DENNIS	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
BEDFORD	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
PLYMOUTH	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
NATICK	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
WATERTOWN	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
SHREWSBURY	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags less than 40 mils thick
LENOX	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
LEE	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags and tax on paper bags
ADAMS	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
AMHERST	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
CHILMARK	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags and fee on paper and reusable bags
AQUINNAH	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags

WEST TISBURY	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags and fee on paper and reusable bags
TISBURY	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags and fee on paper and reusable bags
SALEM	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
WELLESLEY	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
BARNSTABLE	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags less than 3 mils thick
SOMERVILLE	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
FALMOUTH	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
HAMILTON	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
HARWICH	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
CAMBRIDGE	MA	City-wide ban on single-use plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper plastic bags
TRURO	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
BRIDGEWATER	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
NORTHAMPTON	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
CONCORD	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
CHATHAM	MA	City-wide ban on single-use plastic bags
WELLFLEET	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
WILLIAMSTOWN	MA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
NEWTON	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MARBLEHEAD	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
PROVINCETOWN	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
NEWBURYPORT	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
GREAT BARRINGTON	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MANCHESTER	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
BROOKLINE	MA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
HARFORD	MD	County-wide ban on plastic yard waste bags
ABERDEEN	MD	City-wide ban on plastic yard waste bags
TAKOMA PARK	MD	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	MD	Five-cent charge on each paper or plastic carryout bag provided by establishments
CHESTERTOWN	MD	Chestertown, MD implemented a ban on plastic bags for all retail

ROCKLAND	ME	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MANCHESTER	ME	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
BLUE HILL	ME	Town-wide plastic bag ban
BATH	ME	City-wide ban on plastic bags, and a five-cent tax on paper bags and 15-cents in 2019 and 2020)
BELFAST	ME	City-wide ban on plastic bags
CAPE ELIZABETH	ME	Town-wide five-cent tax on plastic bags
BRUNSWICK	ME	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
TOPSHAM	ME	Town-wide 5-cent fee on plastic bags
SACO	ME	City-wide ban on plastic bags
FREEPORT	ME	Town-wide ban on plastic bags and five-cent fee on paper bags
KENNEBUNK	ME	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
FALMOUTH	ME	City-wide 5-cent fee on plastic and paper bags
YORK	ME	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
SOUTH PORTLAND	ME	City-wide 5-cent fee on plastic and paper bags
PORTLAND	ME	City-wide 5-cent fee on plastic and paper bags
WASHTENAW COUNTY	MI	County-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on reusable bag
HYDE COUNTY	NC	County-wide ban on plastic bags
DARE COUNTY	NC	County-wide ban on plastic bags
CURRITUCK COUNTY	NC	County-wide ban on plastic bags
JERSEY CITY	NJ	City-wide ban on plastic bags
BELMAR	NJ	Borough-wide ban on plastic bags
BRIGANTINE BEACH	NJ	City-wide ban on plastic bags
HOBOKEN	NJ	City-wide ban on plastic bags, fee on paper and reusable bags (u income customers exempt
BRADLEY BEACH	NJ	Borough-wide ban on plastic bags
STAFFORD TOWNSHIP	NJ	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
ATLANTIC COUNTY	NJ	County-wide ban on plastic bags and straws within parks
TEANECK	NJ	5-cent tax on plastic bags
MONMOUTH BEACH	NJ	Borough-wide ban on plastic bags
LONG BEACH	NJ	Town-wide ban on plastic bags

POINT PLEASANT BEACH	NJ	Borough-wide ban on plastic bags
LONGPORT	NJ	10-cent fee on paper and plastic bags
SILVER CITY	NM	City-wide ban on plastic bags
SANTA FE	NM	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper bags
BEDFORD	NY	Town-wide 10-cent fee on plastic and paper bags
LEWISBORO	NY	Town-wide ban on plastic bags, 15-cent fee on paper bags
SEA CLIFF	NY	Village-wide minimum 5-cent tax on plastic bags
SUFFOLK COUNTY	NY	County-wide five-cent fee on paper and plastic bags
LONG BEACH	NY	City-wide five-cent fee on plastic bags
NEW CASTLE	NY	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
NEW YORK CITY	NY	City-wide 5-cent fee on plastic bags
PATCHOGUE VILLAGE	NY	City-wide ban on plastic bags
SAG HARBOR	NY	Village-wide ban on plastic bags
SOUTHAMPTON	NY	City-wide ban on plastic bags
NEW PALTZ VILLAGE	NY	Village-wide ban on plastic bags
HASTINGS ON HUDSON	NY	City-wide ban on plastic bags
LARCHMONT	NY	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MAMARONECK	NY	Village-wide ban on plastic bags
RYE	NY	City-wide ban on plastic bags
EAST HAMPTON	NY	City-wide ban on plastic bags
NEW YORK (STATEWIDE)	NY	Proposal for State-wide ban on plastic bags w/Amendments
MILWAUKIE	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MANZANITA	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MCMINNVILLE	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags
HOOD RIVER	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags
FOREST GROVE	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags
ASHLAND	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent fee on paper bags
EUGENE	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
CORVALLIS	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
PORTLAND	OR	City-wide ban on plastic bags
PROVIDENCE	RI	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 10-cent tax on paper and reus:

NORTH KINGSTOWN	RI	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
JAMESTOWN	RI	City-wide ban on plastic bags
NEW SHOREHAM	RI	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
NEWPORT	RI	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MIDDLETOWN	RI	City-wide ban on plastic bags
BARRINGTON	RI	City-wide ban on plastic bags
MOUNT PLEASANT	SC	City-wide ban on plastic bags
BEAUFORT COUNTY	SC	County-wide ban on plastic bags
SURFSIDE BEACH	SC	City-wide ban on plastic bags
FOLLY BEACH	SC	City-wide ban on plastic bags
ISLE OF PALMS	SC	City-wide ban on plastic bags
BROWNSVILLE	TX	City-wide ban of plastic bags
EAGLE PASS	TX	City-wide ban on plastic bags
PORT ARANSAS	TX	City-wide ban on plastic bags suspended
LAREDO	TX	City-wide plastic bag ban
KERMIT	TX	Plastic bag ban and 10-cent tax on paper bags
SUNSET VALLEY	TX	City-wide plastic bag ban
FREER	TX	City-wide plastic bag ban
AUSTIN	TX	The ordinance include specific carryout bag standards, exemptic requirements
LAGUNA VISTA	TX	Plastic bag ban at all retailers
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND	TX	City-wide plastic bag ban
FORT STOCKTON	TX	A bag ban ordinance with an exception for plastic bags that are l
MOAB	UT	City-wide ban on plastic bags
PARK CITY	UT	City-wide ban on plastic bags in stores larger than 12,000 sq ft
PARK CITY	UT	City-wide ban on plastic bags in stores larger than 12,000 sq ft
BRATTLEBORO	VT	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
KENMORE	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags, 5-cent fee on paper bags
LA CONNER	WA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
PORT ANGELES	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags less than 225 mm, 5-cent tax on all
TACOMA	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags less than 225 mils thick

FRIDAY HARBOR	WA	Town-wide ban on plastic bags
SAN JUAN COUNTY	WA	County-wide ban on plastic bags
TUMWATER	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
THURSTON COUNTY	WA	County-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
OLYMPIA	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
LACEY	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
MERCER ISLAND	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
SHORELINE	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
ISSAQUAH	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
MUKILTEO	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags
PORT TOWNSEND	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
BELLINGHAM	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
SEATTLE	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags and 5-cent fee on paper bags
EDMONDS	WA	City-wide ban on plastic bags

What you'll notice is that there are quite a few states that are missing from the list above. Since plastic bag bans have been pushed by local governments, they may not be a top priority for certain regions. However, one thing is clear, the list will continue to grow.

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