



Middletown Recycling and Plastic Bag Ordinances

Welcome to Middletown!

We are thrilled to welcome your business to our City. As you may be aware, the City is working hard to reduce solid waste, increase recycling and rethink how our waste is handled. Taking small actions will help save money, create jobs, reduce green house gas emissions and give us a healthier environment. Please take a moment to review Middletown's ordinances regarding recycling and plastic bags.



Recycling Regulations

In accordance with state law and municipal ordinance, certain items must be separated for recycling. Recycling carts are provided by your trash hauler.

Acceptable items include: glass and metal food and beverage containers, plastic containers and bottles (no black plastic, no plastic film, no plastic bags), juice boxes and milk cartons, mixed paper, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, paperboard boxes and corrugated boxes. Please see the attached document for more detailed information. Recycling is the law and failure to comply will result in fines and penalties.

Plastic Bag Ordinance

The City of Middletown has a "Bring Your Own Bag" Ordinance which bans plastic check out bags for all businesses, including restaurants. Paper bags are allowed for a ten cent charge. Full details of this ordinance are available on the City website: <https://www.middletownct.gov/1033/Bring-Your-Own-Bag-Ordinance>.



Skip the Stuff Campaign—If you serve takeout, consider serving utensils, napkins, condiments, and straws only if requested. Those items often end up as waste and litter, polluting our environment and harming wildlife.

If you have questions or a unique waste reduction practice you'd like us to highlight contact the City of Middletown Recycling Coordinator at 860-638-4855 or kim.orourke@middletownct.gov.