



# TOWN OF TOPSFIELD

## Board of Health

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May 22, 2019

Re: Chapter LXVI Plastic Bag Reduction By-Law, Town of Topsfield

Dear Topsfield Merchant,

At the 2018 Town Meeting, residents voted in favor of a Citizen's Petition to ban single-use plastic bags. This letter will serve as a reminder that a ban on single-use plastic bags has been in effect since July 1, 2018.

Please review the attached Bylaw which is enforced by the Topsfield Board of Health or the Topsfield Police Department. Should you fail to comply with the Bylaw, you may face non-criminal disposition including the following:

- a. \$50.00 for first offense
- b. \$100 for the second offense
- c. \$200 for the third and any successive offenses

Subsequent offenses shall be determined as offenses occurring within two years of the date of the first noticed offense. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

We thank you in advance for doing your part to help Topsfield reduce the environmental harm created by single use plastic bags.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Knutsen RN  
Chairman, Topsfield Board of Health