



Oceanside's Community Coming Together to Fight Plastic

The City of Oceanside is committed to waste diversion and recycling. Through this commitment, the City passed a Zero Waste Strategic Resource Management Plan in June of 2012. The Zero Waste Plan has allowed the City to implement programs and provide resources to the community that have **increased the City's diversion rate from 58% to 71% in less than 3 years.** The Zero Waste Plan also outlines the implementation of policies that will minimize the use of single-use shopping bags. In line with this zero waste goal, the City is currently considering a Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance in Oceanside. The City's Zero Waste team is partnering with several community groups: Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, Surfrider, MainStreet Oceanside, Visit Oceanside, and others to help get community input and support. Get involved and learn more about the impact of single-use bags by joining us at one of our Zero Waste Workshops for the public and business community during January and February.



Be a part of the solution and get involved, here's how:

Attend a Zero Waste Community and Business Workshop

The City of Oceanside is currently soliciting public input and comments at our Zero Waste Community and Business Workshops hosted by the City's Zero Waste Team. Your attendance at one of the below workshops is highly encouraged. Please RSVP to these workshops by emailing oceansiderecycles@ci.oceanside.ca.us.

- **February 2**
6:00-7:00 pm
Crown Heights
Community Center
1210 Division St.

- **February 4**
6:00-7:00 pm at
Chavez Resource Center
605 San Diego Street

- **February 6**
9:00-12:00 pm at
El Corazon Senior Center
3302 Senior Center Drive

Send your Comments and Questions to the City's Zero Waste Team Have comments or questions about the potential Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance in Oceanside? We would love to hear from you. Send the City's Zero Waste Team an email at oceansiderecycles@ci.oceanside.ca.us.

Love the Planet, Not Plastic

Single-use plastic bags are lightweight and cause a unique threat to our environment because they pollute waterways, don't biodegrade and cause costly damage to solid waste and recycling collection systems. Unlike other waste, these bags can travel long distances due to wind and poor confinement solutions in trash containers, ending up in our oceans and waterways. Source reduction strategies such as reusable bag giveaways and increased education about the impact of single use bags on our economy and environment has helped, but does not solve the current issue of over 19 billion bags being used and disposed of annually in California. As a result, 142 California cities and counties are taking the next step to eliminate these items from our waste stream by passing Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinances, with an average rate of over 90% reduction of single use bags within one year.

Ditch Disposables and Use Reusables

Say no to single-use bags every time you shop! Take a picture of your efforts to join Oceanside on the Road to Zero Waste by remembering your reusable bags and upload it to our Green Oceanside Mobile App! Download the FREE Green Oceanside Mobile App by searching *Green Oceanside* in the Apple and Android app stores.



Stay Connected

Visit www.greenoceanside.org for up-to-date information on single-use bags, zero waste, and all of Oceanside's environmental programs.

