

TOWN OF EASTHAM MUNICIPAL PLASTICS POLICY

1.0 Purpose

The Town of Eastham is concerned about the increasing amount of plastic found in our environment, the harmful impacts it is causing to sea life, and its inability to degrade over time.

2.0 Guidelines

2.1 Ban on Public Property

At their meeting on September 9, 2019, the Select Board agreed to adopt this Municipal Plastic Bottle Ban:

The purchase of water in single-use plastic bottles of any size for town events, functions or programs is prohibited. The sale of water in single-use plastic containers is prohibited on town property.

2.2 Use of Alternative Containers

Alternative containers made of paper or aluminum cans should be purchased in place of single-use plastic bottles for water.

Department Heads and Community Groups, whenever possible, please use alternative containers for other single-use beverages (soda, lemonade, ice tea, etc.)

2.3 Exemptions

In the event of a declaration (by Emergency Management Director, or other duly authorized Town, Commonwealth or United States official) of any emergency affecting the availability and/or quality of drinking water for Eastham residents the town shall be exempt from this Bylaw until seven (7) calendar days after such declaration has ended.

2.4 Bottle Refilling Stations

The Town will make every effort over the next Fiscal Year to provide water stations at town buildings and selected beaches / windmill for re-filling reusable bottles and containers.

2.5 A copy of this policy will be distributed to:

- All Town Departments and Committees that sponsor events
- Approvals for applications to use public property, including charity events
- Approvals for temporary vendor permits