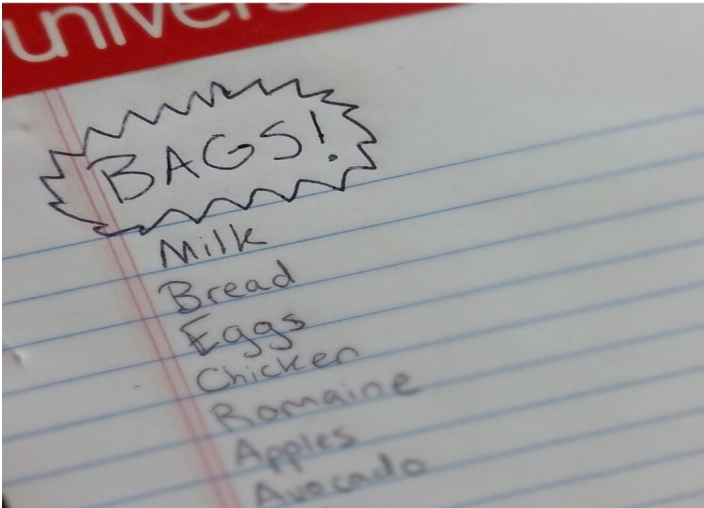


One of the most anticipated laws of 2020 was New York State's ban on plastic bags. Wegmans provided shoppers a head start by no longer offering plastic in their stores in January. Other retailers will follow suit when the law officially takes effect on March 1.



Here are several tips to avoid frustration when you shop:

- If you grab a cart, remember the bags
- Keep a small packable bag in your purse or pocket at the ready
- Add bags to the top of your shopping list
- Involve the family: children as young as three or four can be responsible for the bags

When reusable bags are repeatedly used, they can harbor dangerous bacteria if not properly cleaned. A few simple precautions can keep you from getting ill:

- Wash linen totes in the washer frequently. Plastic totes should be wiped out with hot soap and water after every use
- Place raw meat, poultry and fish in separate totes from produce and ready-to-eat foods
- Store totes in a clean, dry location



## **2020 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE MOBILE COLLECTIONS**

As the weather warms and you clean out your basement, garage or shed, keep in mind the following dates for mobile Hazardous Waste Collections:

**April 28:** Town of Gates Highway Garage, 475 Trabold Road, Gates

**June 13:** Village of Hilton Highway Garage, 50 Henry Street, Hilton

To make an appointment, to find information specific to each collection or for any weekly collection at the Monroe County ecopark, visit [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark).