

Plastic Free Siskiyou County

A Petition to Local Siskiyou County Retail Outlets: Please Carry More Non-plastic Products!

Report of Final Petition Results

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Introduction

As we hear in headlines almost daily, plastic pollution is a world-wide, catastrophic and growing problem for our oceans, other ecosystems, as well as all of humanity and wildlife.

Many in our community as well as all over the world are concerned about this growing problem and would like to do what we can to stop it. Although many of us recycle what we can, we recognize that our current plastic recycling infrastructure falls far short of effectively addressing the pollution issue. Because of the ongoing subsidies to the petroleum industry, virgin plastic is so cheap there likely will never be effective recycling options. Many of us have chosen to reduce the use of plastics in our households (for more information, see cawater.net), however, this can be challenging if we are not given the option to purchase non-plastic products. Thus we consumers cannot solve this problem alone.

Engaging Local Retailers

It is a constant challenge to find in our local stores products that are plastic-free. Thus we are asking that our local retailers do their part to reduce plastic pollution by stocking on their selves products that are neither made from nor packaged in plastic. The petition that follows, signed by 261 community members, demonstrates the community interest in having such products available.

We Advocate Thorough Environmental Review is a local Mount Shasta area community group working to do our part locally to address this global problem. This report will be sent to our local Siskiyou County grocery and hardware retailers to show community support for this action. We are committed to working with these retailers to help them identify non-plastic products and reduce plastic packaging.

What Petition Signers Said

“An advanced thank you to local businesses and consumers for reducing plastic waste by not selling and buying it whenever possible.”

“Simply put...There is way too much plastic packaging. **I would much prefer to buy products that were plastic free...**”

“We have lived without plastic before, and it would be wise to do it again. We are an intelligent species (for the most part) **we can do this!**”

“Yes! Good stuff. Let’s present Mt. Shasta as it is, clean, pristine, and wild. This should help eliminate some of the plastic we locals are constantly carrying out of the forest.”

“I live in Siskiyou County and support businesses in our County that support our environmentally dependent economy. We have no reason to sell products where there are environmentally friendly alternatives. Bottled water is not necessary nor environmentally sound. Offer water to your customers free of charge encouraging them to bring their bottles to your business. **It’s good business sense.**”

The Text of the Petition

Petition to Local Siskiyou County Retail Outlets: Please carry more non-plastic products!

As we hear in headlines almost daily, plastic pollution is a world-wide, catastrophic and growing problem for our oceans, other ecosystems, as well as all of humanity and wildlife.

We, the undersigned, recognize and are deeply concerned about this problem, as well as the fact that our current plastic recycling infrastructure falls far short of effectively addressing the issue. Therefore, in order to reduce our contribution to this global, noxious plastic waste stream, as consumers, we seek to create, purchase and utilize household products which are neither comprised of, nor contain any plastic in their packaging.

We also believe it is important to support our local retailers, rather than purchase online outside of our communities. Thus we request that your store:

- remove from your shelves all beverages in single-use, single serving size plastic bottles
- offer more products in bulk, such as fresh produce, grains, flours, nuts, etc. and offer reusable natural fiber bags for these products (this also helps avoid food waste, since customers can purchase only the quantities they need)
- offer plastic packaging-free household products, such as toiletries, soaps and detergents, cleaning products, etc. (Examples of options are listed below)

Thank you for your careful consideration of this critically important issue!

Suggestions for Non Plastic Product Alternatives:

This list is just a small sample. Please check recycling.com's zero waste store for MANY MORE PRODUCTS that are now available for wholesale purchase:

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

- Bambu Earth- shampoo and conditioner bars
- Duluth Trading-J.R. Liggett's Tea Tree and Hemp Bar Shampoo
- Voodoo Natural Hair Conditioner Bar
- Meow Meow Tweet deodorant cream
- Medicine of the People- all products
- Georganics natural toothpaste
- St James of London shaving cream
- Raw Elements face and body sunscreen
- All products from Natural Vegan, including: deodorant, conditioning shampoo bar, lip balm, toothbrush, loofa

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

- Dropps laundry and dishwasher detergent pods
- Meliora bar dishwashing soap, for hand washing dishes
- Progreen or Unni compostable trash and storage bags
- Fox Run natural kitchen and general household scrub brushes

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How the Petition Was Conducted

An online petition was set up on the website ipetitions.com. Community members were invited to sign the on-line petition via emails, website announcements, word-of-mouth contact, and at events. The petition was active from August 2019 through August 2020. Hard copies of the petition were available at community events and special tabling events that allowed us to also distribute information about how to reduce the use of plastics in our homes (collecting of hard copy signatures was stopped after the Covid 19 pandemic began). To make the hard copy petition easy to read by passers-by, the text was shortened as follows:

“Siskiyou County Stores: Please Carry Plastic Free Products

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