

Dear Friend,

Go Green Highland Park is a grassroots organization partnering with our city and neighbors to create a clean and healthy place to live, now and for future generations.

Go Green HP has recently been hearing from many residents who are frustrated and concerned about the increasing consumption of plastics, bags, food containers and other single use disposable products. As restaurants have increased their take-out business during the pandemic, the use of these items has grown.

We are writing today to ask for your help. By working together, restaurant proprietors and customers can make a significant difference in alleviating plastic pollution. Attached you will find a set of guidelines designed to help restaurateurs and their customers reduce the use of disposable plastics. We ask you to implement the steps outlined, and to post the information at your restaurant and/or on your website to educate customers about the steps they can take to help. Reducing the amount of disposable products you use will also save you money, a particularly important consideration at this difficult time.

Go Green HP is a local organization, but we are all connected in so many ways to those across the globe. The latest science is revealing high levels of micro plastics in our lake. If we don't address the problem of plastic waste, the volume of fish and plastics in the oceans will be equal by the year 2050. Unfortunately, recycling is not solving this problem. Less than 9% of all plastics are recycled.

Thank you for your consideration and, in advance for your participation. Working together, we can achieve results and make our community a leader in reducing plastic use.

Go Green HP volunteers are available to help you implement these guidelines. Feel free to contact us if at [gghpinfo@gmail.com](mailto:gghpinfo@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if we can help.

Sincerely,  
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