

NY Is Not Disposable!

Got waste?

We all do, and way too much of it. And 40% of New York's waste stream consists of discarded packaging.

But two pieces of state legislation would slash that amount... and Big Plastic is fighting them tooth and nail.

The industry's trade association, the American Chemistry Council, along with fossil fuel companies and consumer brands, are all leaning heavily on legislators to water down or kill the bills. Only massive grassroots can counter their influence.

That's where **YOU** come in. Come to Albany on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025** for a rally and to make your voice heard! You'll join a team of advocates who will visit legislators and make a compelling case for the bills.

The **Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act** would cut back the amount of packaging New Yorkers discard by 30% and require the remaining packaging to be genuinely recyclable. It would prevent false downstream solutions like "chemical" or "advanced recycling" (really just burning plastic) from counting as recycling. Best of all, it would get over a dozen hazardous chemicals out of plastic packaging. (Shocking but true: It is currently legal for the packaging that touches your food to contain carcinogenic formaldehyde, toxic heavy metals like lead, PFAS, and other nasties.)

Its companion legislation, the **Bigger Better Bottle Bill**, would modernize New York's 40-year-old container deposit-return law and recover billions of valuable recyclables from the waste stream.

The bills would enact policies that are popular with people, but not with Big Plastic. **Come to Albany on January 28** and let legislators know how you feel about all the disposable packaging big brands are forcing on us.

Don't want to drive the whole way? Catch the bus in New Paltz or sign up for a carpool!

[Learn more and/or register for Advocacy Day, January 28, 2025.](#)

Did you know?

- Plastic is fossil fuel, just in a different form.
- 99% of all plastic manufactured in the U.S. is made from fracked gas.
- Plastic is responsible for **twice** as many greenhouse gases as the global aviation industry.
- ExxonMobil is the world's largest producer of single-use plastic polymers.