

Plastic Water Bottle Bans

City/Jurisdiction	Scope of Ban	What is Banned	Volume of Bottle Banned	Date Adopted	Date Enacted	Notes
Concord, Massachusetts	Commercial	non-sparkling, unflavored drinking water in single-serving polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles	1 liter (34 ounces) or less	September, 2012	January, 2013	
Sudbury, MA	Commercial	non-reusable polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles containing noncarbonated, unflavored, drinking water	1 liter (34 ounces) or less	May, 2017	June, 2018	
Lincoln, MA	Commercial	non-reusable polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles containing uncarbonated, unflavored drinking water	1 liter (34 ounces) or less	March, 2018	January, 2019	
Nantucket, MA	Commercial	Drinking water in plastic or non-recyclable containers	1 liter (34 ounces) or less	October, 2018	June, 2020	
Chilmark, MA	Commercial	(a) non-carbonated, unflavored water, and (b) soft drinks in plastic (including polyethylene terephthalate – PET) bottles. ‘soft drink’ means any beverage containing carbonated water, a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or a flavoring.	less than 34 ounces	April, 2019	May, 2020	
Great Barrington, MA	Commercial	non-sparkling, unflavored drinking water in single-use PET plastic bottles	1 liter (34 ounces) or less	May, 2019	May, 2019	
Aquinah, MA	Commercial	(a) non-carbonated, unflavored water, and (b) soft drinks in plastic (including polyethylene terephthalate – PET) bottles. “soft drink” means any beverage containing carbonated water, a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or flavoring.	less than 34 ounces	May, 2019	May, 2020	
Rockport, MA	Commercial	non-sparkling, unflavored drinking water in single-serving bottles containing plastic, including, but not limited to polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles, unless such bottles are made of 100% COMPOSTABLE materials or at least 50% BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS	1 liter (34 ounces) or less	September, 2019	January, 2021	
West Tisbury, MA	Commercial	(a) non-carbonated, unflavored water, and (b) soft drinks in plastic (including polyethylene terephthalate – PET). ‘soft drink’ means any beverage containing carbonated water, a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or a flavoring.	less than 34 ounces	October, 2019	May, 2020	
SFO Airport	Commercial	single-use water bottles in plastic or aseptic paper packaging (must be recyclable aluminum, glass, or BPI-certified compostable)	1 liter (34 ounces) or less		2019	Single use bottled water allowed for sale in either recycled aluminum, recyclable glass, or compostable packaging
Eastham, MA	Commercial	noncarbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	September, 2020	September, 2021	
Falmouth, MA	Commercial	non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	September, 2020	September, 2021	
Harwich, MA	Municipal and Commercial	non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	September, 2020	September, 2021	
Provincetown, MA	Commercial	non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	September, 2020	September, 2021	
Orleans, MA	Municipal and Commercial	non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	October, 2020	September, 2021	
Brewster, MA	Municipal and Commercial	non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	n/a	September, 2021	
Tisbury, MA	Commercial	(a) non-carbonated, unflavored water, and (b) soft drinks in plastic (including polyethylene terephthalate – PET) bottles. ‘soft drink’ means any beverage containing carbonated water, a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or a flavoring.	less than 34 ounces	June, 2020	May, 2021	
Chatham, MA	Commercial	non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	n/a	December, 2021	
Dennis, MA	Commercial	non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	May, 2021	Enacted December, 2021; Repealed April 2022	Repealed
Oak Bluffs, MA	Commercial	a) non-carbonated, unflavored water, and (b) soft drinks in plastic (including polyethylene terephthalate – PET) bottles. “soft drink” means any beverage containing carbonated water, a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or flavoring.	less than 34 ounces	May, 2021	May, 2022	

Sandwich, MA	Commercial				Repealed November 2021 before scheduled to be enacted January 2022	Repealed
Mashpee, MA	Commercial			October, 2021	Repealed April 2022 before scheduled to be enacted September 2022	Repealed
Edgartown, MA		noncarbonated, unflavored water and soft drinks in plastic bottles	34 ounces or smaller	April, 2022	April, 2023	
Arlington, MA	Municipal and Commercial	plastic bottles of non-carbonated, non-flavored water	1 liter or less	May, 2022	November, 2022	
Wellfleet, MA	Municipal and Commercial	non-alcoholic carbonated beverages in plastic bottles	less than 21 ounces	September, 2022	May, 2023	
South Lake Tahoe, CA	Commercial and Municipal	single-use plastic container containing non-sparkling, unflavored drinking water	less than 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces)	October, 2022	Municipal ban: April 2023; Commercial ban: April 2024	