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Taking a Green Step Forward . . .

In a step towards a greener future, the Upper Merion Board of Supervisors has passed a "Single-Use Product Regulations" ordinance restricting the use of single-use products.

The use of single-use bags, plastic straws, plastic utensils, and expanded polystyrene food service products has severe environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions, litter, harm to wildlife, ground level ozone formation, atmospheric acidification, water consumption, and solid waste generation. In addition, these products do not readily decompose.

Alongside restricting single-use products, the ordinance also encourages the adoption of reusable alternatives. By embracing reusable bags, straws, utensils, and containers, the community can collectively reduce its carbon footprint and contribute to a more sustainable future.

