

THE LOW HANGING FRUIT  
THAT PACKS POWER:

# The Case for BYO and Community Action

RECLAIMING REUSE THROUGH COMMUNITY AND COMMON SENSE



# WHAT BYO REALLY REPRESENTS





# ITHACA BYO STICKER PROGRAM



Part of the BYO-US Reduces Network

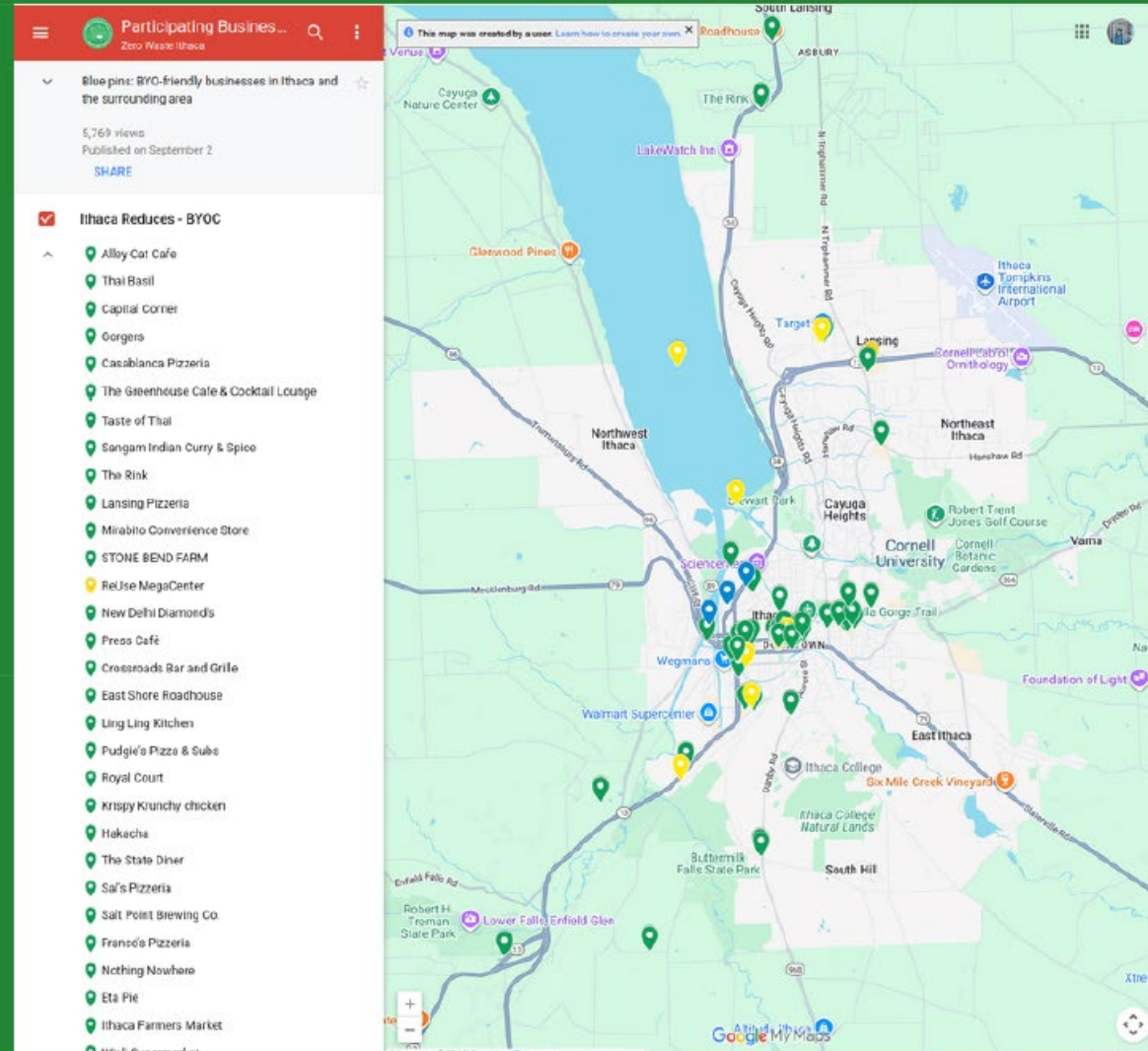


# GROWING LOCAL PARTICIPATION

## 100+ BUSINESSES AND COUNTING



<https://zerowasteithaca.org/map/>



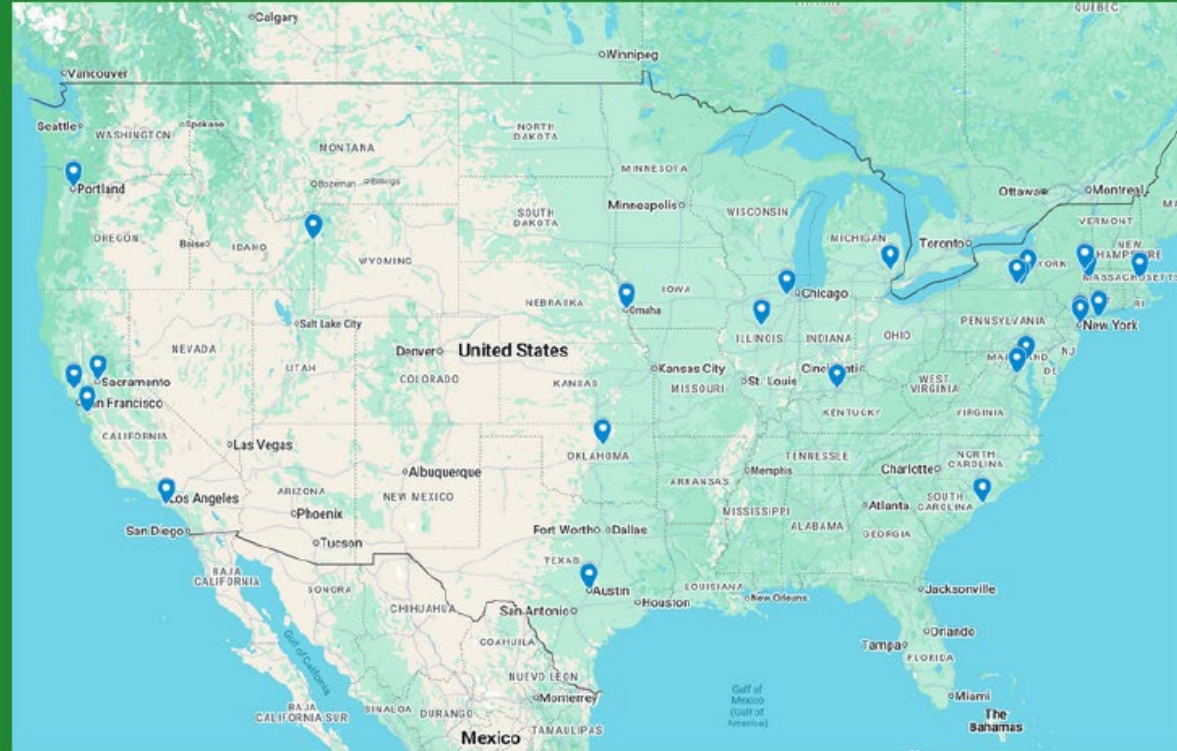


# THE NATIONAL SISTER NETWORK

## BYO - US REDUCES



[usreduces.org/local-groups](https://usreduces.org/local-groups)



# BYO Bill Amendment Petition S7408/A8007

Help us make BYO fully legal in  
New York — sign today and  
pass it on.



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## Strengthen the BYO Bill: Amend It for Real Reuse Rights New Yorkers Deserve

Senator Patricia Fahy, Assemblymember Anna Kelles, and New York State Legislators responsible for amending and advancing the BYO Rights bill



If you are interested in signing on this petition as organization or businesses, please fill out [this form](#).

New York's Bring Your Own (BYO) - Rights to Refill -bill (S7408 / A8007 2025) is a step in the right direction—but it doesn't go far enough . As written, it mostly repeats what's already legal—BYO for dry goods and beverages. It leaves out the most critical piece: the right to bring your own containers for takeout at restaurants and grocery store delis.

**Where We're At:** This petition stands firm in calling for a full, undiluted amendment to the BYO Rights bill (S7408 / A8007). The bill in its current form only restates what's



## What We're Fighting For

The policy we support will:

- ☒ Let restaurants and delis accept clean customer containers
- ☒ Repeal the outdated NYS food code that blocks BYO
- ☒ Protect businesses from liability
- ☒ Catch NY up with states like CA and OR



▼ **PFAS and microplastics** are found in single-use foodware—both in plastic and so-called compostables.

▼ We deserve the right to protect ourselves—and the planet.

▼ BYO is safe, practical, and cost-free. And it's long overdue.

▼ **Sign the petition today!**

Scan QR Code ➡  
or visit:



<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/byo-rights-ny/>

♥ And please pass on this postcard  
to your friends, co-workers and family members





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The graphic is a petition poster for the BYO Bill Amendment (S7408/A8007). It features a green background with a large yellow '1K' and the text 'Thank you!!'. Below this, it says 'Stand with us for a stronger BYO-Rights Bill! Organizations and businesses—continue to sign on below to support full BYO rights across New York!'. A QR code and a URL are provided for signing. The top and bottom of the graphic are filled with logos of various organizations and businesses that have signed the petition.

**Top Logos:** chatham REAL FOOD market, Rosie's Café & Parlor, Save the Pine Bush, FORTY WEIGHT COFFEE ROASTERS, SURFRIDER FOUNDATION, Honest Weight FOOD CO-OP, just zero, LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK, sustainable finger lakes, asemble KITCHEN, LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY, BC MAC, LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TOMPkins COUNTY.

**Bottom Logos:** GREEN Education .US, Zero Waste Capital District, CAYUGA CLIMATE ACTION, WASS, American Environmental Health Studies Project, HAWTHORNE VALLEY farm store, LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF RENSSELAER COUNTY, GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, It's Easy Being Green, SAVE INWOOD HILL PARK, ITHACA FARMERS MARKET, INLAND OCEAN COALITION, THE STORY OF STUFF PROJECT, MIT, CLEAN COALITION, CAAN, GREENSTAR FOOD CO-OP, 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Sign the BYO Amendment petition in NYS - from anywhere!
- Support BYO-friendly businesses
- Join or start a BYO-US Reduces chapter
- If you are in NYS: Join the Volunteer team to support the amendment movement in NYS
- Talk to local officials to incorporate the support for BYO as a part of single-use package ordinances - check if EPR packages support local autonomy and BYO as a part of reuse



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