**New Jersey Towns Ban Releasing of Balloons**

  

**As of January 2019 there are about 20 towns that have banned the release of balloons:**

**Asbury Park Margate**

**Atlantic City New Milford**

**Avalon North Wildwood**

**Bradley Beach Point Pleasant Beach**

**Brigantine Sea Isle City**

**Cape May City Somers Point**

**Egg Harbor Stone Harbor**

**Lavalette Tinton Falls**

**Long beach Township Upper Township**

**Longport Ventor**

**Sample of Municipal Balloon Release Ban Ordinances**

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| ATLANTIC CITY | <https://ecode360.com/print/AT0848?guid=32079854&children=true> |
| LONGPORT | <https://ecode360.com/print/LO0700?guid=10307679&children=true> |
| NEW MILFORD | <http://www.newmilfordboro.com/home/180013952/180013952/Images/2017-19%20Intentional%20Release%20of%20Balloons.pdf> |
| NORTH WILDWOOD | <https://ecode360.com/8053367> |
| SEA ISLE CITY | <http://www.sea-isle-city.nj.us/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=iSzCJt-oq3w%3D&tabid=2415&mid=7733> |

**THINGS TO KNOW:**

* There are only 5 States that passed the Ban on Balloon Release: California, Connecticut, Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia.
* New Milford in Bergen County is the only North Jersey town that has passed such law.
* Fines range from no less than $100 up to no more than $500.
* The exception to this law is only a person on behalf of a governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental approved contract used for meteorological or scientific purposes. The other exceptions are hot air balloons that are recovered after being launched and balloons that are released indoors.
* The Sea Turtle Foundation estimates that **100,000** marine mammals and turtles and 1 million sea birds die every year from ingesting or becoming entangled in balloon debris.
* There is evidence to suggest that micro-plastics are becoming so tiny that even oysters are able to consume them.
* A balloon that is released into the atmosphere is considered to be airborne litter.
* Metallic coating on Mylar Balloons can cause power outages and or fire when the balloon comes in contact with the electrical lines.
* Under right conditions it would take many years for latex balloons to biodegrade.

**The three links below are extreme graphic cases on why we should not release balloons in to the atmosphere**:

* <https://www.fws.gov/news/blog/images/open-spaces-blog/815balloon3.jpg>
* <https://www.fws.gov/news/blog/images/open-spaces-blog/815balloon2.jpg>
* <http://balloonsblow.org/photo-gallery/>