

# What you should know: Ann Arbor Period Supplies in Public Restrooms Ordinance



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# What is Ann Arbor's General Health (Period Supplies in Public Restrooms) Ordinance?

## HERE ARE THE FACTS:

On November 15, 2021 Ann Arbor City Council came to a unanimous decision on the [restroom supplies ordinance](#). It will require public bathrooms citywide to provide business customers, students, employees, and any other visitors with free pads and tampons.



→ Applies to all buildings where a bathroom is available to the public.



→ Bathrooms are to offer a standard set of personal products, including toilet paper, soap, paper towels, tampons and menstrual pads.

→ Violations can result in \$100 tickets.



→ Ordinance goes into effect **January 2022**

“Access to menstrual products is a fundamental human necessity. It's a matter of public health and personal dignity. And it's something that should be provided to everyone.”

- Christopher Taylor, Ann Arbor Mayor



# Why does this new law matter?

Ann Arbor becomes **1st US city** to require free menstrual products in **all public bathrooms!**

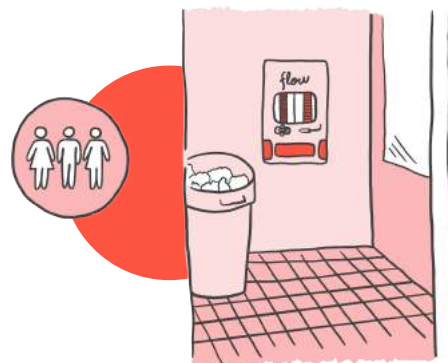
This new law is a continuation of the period positive strides the state of Michigan has been making recently. At the beginning of November, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed two bills repealing the tampon tax.



It will positively impact menstruators who cannot afford period products.



Since period products will be available in men's, women's, and non-gendered public restrooms, this is a huge advancement when it comes to period inclusivity. Menstruation products should not be limited to women-designated bathrooms because women are not the only people who menstruate.



## WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR BUILDINGS ARE NOT COMPLIANT?

The City of Ann Arbor is authorized to fine building owners for noncompliance with any part of the ordinance. Thus, you could be fined if you don't provide free period products. Violations can result in \$100 tickets and the ordinance goes into effect January 1, 2022.



## How to easily offer free period products:

Aunt Flow is here and ready to support your organization in joining the menstrual movement with our free-vend dispensers & 100% organic cotton period products.



1. Submit our "Get a Quote" form
2. Speak with sales and review your bathroom needs and the best products for your organization
3. Receive products and keep bathroom guests happy with a custom **refill program!**

“We are always looking for ways to improve our guest experience. Aunt Flow is a critical element to our bathroom experience, which positively impacts our customers. Offering free menstrual products is simply the right thing to do.”

- MARK SWANSON, PRESIDENT, STAUF'S COFFEE

