

Single-Use Plastics Ordinance Update

The City of Carpinteria updated Chapter 8.50 of the municipal code on the topics listed below. This flyer serves as a short summary of the changes that might affect you or your business.

Terms and Definitions

“Marine Degradable” is no longer accepted
Disposable Foodware needs to be Compostable or Recyclable:

“Compostable” is now defined as:

- Disposable Foodware are designed to be collected for recovery with organic waste,
- Free of all intentionally added fluorinated chemicals, as certified by the Biodegradable Product Institute

“Recyclable” is now defined as:

- Products that can be sorted, cleansed, and reconstituted using the available recycling program
- Does not include burning, incinerating, converting, or otherwise thermally destroying solid waste.

Latex and Foil Balloon Regulations

- Prohibition of the distribution or sell of Foil Balloons
- Prohibition of the release of Latex Balloons filled with air or lighter than air gas
- Prohibition on the use of Foil Balloons on public property

Polystyrene Prohibition

Prohibition of the distribution or sell of polystyrene foodware products

• **Allowed:**

- Compostable or Recyclable:
 - egg cartons
 - packing materials
 - produce and meat trays
 - disposable foodware
- Fully encapsulated coolers

• **Not allowed:**

- Polystyrene
 - egg cartons
 - packing materials
 - produce and meat trays
 - disposable foodware

Disposable Foodware Accessories and Condiments

Disposable Foodware Accessories, which include food packaging and disposable utensils, can only be provided individually and only upon request by customers.

Reusable Foodware

California Health and Safety Code was updated in 2019 to allow food providers to accept reusable food containers owned by customers. Food providers have the discretion to prepare and maintain written procedures and may provide a discount to customers.



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