



City of Carpinteria

FOOD PROVIDERS & VENDORS GUIDE TO

Polystyrene Products
and

2024

Single-Use Plastics

The City of Carpinteria updated Chapter 8.50 of the municipal code, Regulating Polystyrene Products and Single-use Plastics. This guide provides an insight into how the changes might affect you and/or your business.

Municipal Code Chapter 8.50 Polystyrene Products and Single-use Plastics Regulations are effective February 22, 2024. The following summarizes the regulations:

- Prohibition of the use, distribution, and sale of Polystyrene Foodware, Packing Materials, Egg Cartons, Produce Trays, Meat and Fish Trays, and Expanded Polystyrene Coolers.
- Prohibition of Single-Use Plastic Beverage Straws, Plastic Stirrers, and Plastic Cutlery
- All Disposable Foodware is required to be Compostable or Recyclable through the City's available collection programs.
- Disposable Foodware and Condiments are only given upon request and can not be bundled
- Prohibition of the use, distribution, and sale of Foil Balloons within the City, either as a separate item or included in a packaged product set
- Prohibition of the use, distribution, or release of Latex Balloon filled with air or lighter than air gas



Polystyrene Products

Polystyrene easily enters the environment as litter due to its lightweight and durable nature. Expanded polystyrene products (often incorrectly referred to as Styrofoam™) have a foam structure that easily break into small pieces, making them difficult and expensive to remove from the environment. Rigid polystyrene, often labeled with the recycling code PS or #6, is difficult to recycle, and most foodware items with this label are non-recyclable.

Refer to the list below for what is allowed or prohibited from being used, distributed, or sold within the City.

- **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



Non-encapsulated
Coolers



Egg Cartons



Packing Material



Disposable Foodware



Straws

Recommended REUSABLE STAWS

Glass
Stainless Steel
Bamboo



Allowed Single-Use COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE UPON REQUEST ONLY

Paper
Grain
Edible



Not Allowed

Plastic
Polystyrene
Bioplastic



For more information and examples of compliant straws, please visit the City's website



Stirrers



Recommended
REUSABLE STIRRERS

Glass
Stainless Steel

Allowed Single-Use
COMPOSTABLE OR
RECYCLABLE
UPON REQUEST ONLY

Paper
Grain
Edible



Not Allowed

Plastic
Polystyrene
Bioplastic

For more information and examples of compliant stirrers, please visit the City's website



Utensils

Recommended REUSABLE UTENSILS

Metal
Bamboo



Allowed Single-Use COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE UPON REQUEST ONLY

Bamboo
Wood
Edible

Not Allowed

Plastic
Polystyrene
Bioplastic



For more information and examples of compliant utensils, please visit the City's website



Other Disposable Foodware



Recommended
REUSABLE

Glass
Wood
Steel

Allowed Single-Use
COMPOSTABLE OR
RECYCLABLE
UPON REQUEST ONLY

Paper
Fiber
Bagasse



Not Allowed

Plastic
Polystyrene
Bioplastic

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Foil and Latex Balloons

City of Carpinteria is now regulating Foil and Latex Balloons. See below for what is allowed or prohibited.

BALLOON IMPACTS

- Balloons are able to travel long distances and commonly end up in the ocean and waterways
- Marine and land-based animals confuse balloons with food and when ingested, lead to starvation
- Foil Balloons can cause power outages and fires when they come in contact with powerlines

ALLOWED:

- Latex Balloons outside of City functions or events
- Foil Balloons being used or distributed on private property

NOT ALLOWED:

- The sale or distribution of Foil Balloons with the City
- The use of Foil Balloons on public property
- Released Latex Balloons filled with air or lighter than air gases



KEEP CELEBRATING WITH:



Kites



Pinwheels



Flowers

