

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS ORDINANCE

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.

POLYSTYRENE PROHIBITION

Prohibition of the distribution or sale of polystyrene foodware products

- **Allowed**

Compostable or Recyclable:

- Disposable foodware
- Egg cartons
- Packing materials
- Produce and meat trays

- **Prohibited**

Polystyrene (Styrofoam™)

- Disposable foodware
- Egg cartons
- Packing materials
- Produce and meat trays
- Coolers

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PROHIBITION

No food provider shall **use, provide, distribute, or sell** plastic beverage straws, plastic stirrers, or plastic cutlery. Single-use plastic carryout bags are also prohibited.*

BALLOON REGULATIONS

- Prohibition of the:
 - **Distribution or sale** of Foil Balloons
 - **Release** of Latex Balloons filled with air or lighter than air gas
 - **Use** of Foil Balloons **on public property**

DISPOSABLE FOODWARE MUST BE COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE

Compostable: Disposable foodware designed to be collected for recovery with organic waste and free of all intentionally added fluorinated chemicals, as certified by the Biodegradable Product Institute or other independent third-party certifying organization or agency recognized by the city.

Recyclable: 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.

CONDIMENTS & DISPOSABLE FOODWARE ACCESSORIES UPON REQUEST ONLY

Standard condiments and disposable foodware accessories, which include additional packaging, utensils, straws, and stirrers must only be provided **individually** and **only upon request** by customers.

Food providers must clearly state—on **digital ordering platforms** and during **phone orders**—that disposable accessories and condiments are only available upon request. The online platform must **provide customers with options to select** the specific accessories or condiments they want. If none are selected or requested, none shall be included.

REUSABLE FOODWARE ENCOURAGED

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.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

**In accordance with Municipal Code 8.51*

Complying with Municipal Code 8.50 helps protect our waterways, wildlife, and community health by reducing harmful single-use plastics. Every business plays a vital role in keeping our environment clean and sustainable.

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