



# CITY OF SOLANA BEACH

## Single-Use Plastics Ordinance Guidelines

### What Does This Mean?

In 2019, City Council amended the Municipal Code (SBMC 5.03, 5.05) to regulate the use of single-use plastics in Solana Beach. These measures align with the City's sustainability goals and protect our oceans.

The amended code includes many regulations we hope to summarize in this flyer. Use this guide to learn more about alternatives that will work for you!

### Who Needs To Comply?

The ordinance applies to:

- City facilities
- Restaurants and bars
- Grocery and liquor stores
- Retail stores
- Concession/event vendors and food trucks
- Farmers markets/stands and takeout stands

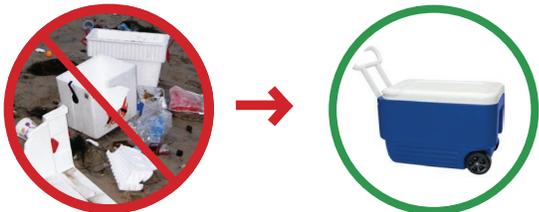
## Changes and Effective Dates

### November 1, 2019

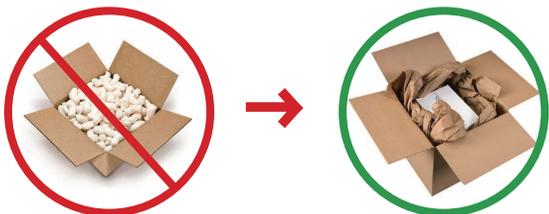
Restaurants and food vendors must allow customers to use their own reusable drink cups instead of single-use ones. Food vendors may refuse, at their sole discretion, any customer-provided reusable cup that appears inappropriate in size, material, or condition for the intended beverage, or that appears to be excessively unsanitary.

### May 1, 2020

Retail stores may not sell or distribute the following polystyrene foam (Styrofoam™) products unless they are wholly encased with a more durable material: coolers, ice chests, or similar containers; pool or beach toys; dock floats, mooring buoys, or anchor or navigational markers. In addition, residents and visitors may no longer bring these items onto City beaches.

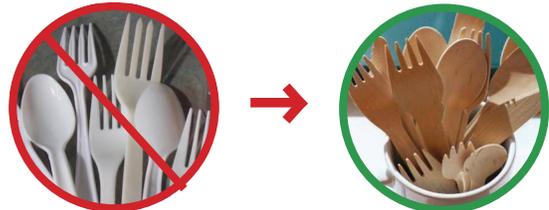


Stores may not sell or distribute packing materials, shipping boxes, or packing peanuts that are not recyclable\*, not compostable\*, or are made of polystyrene foam (Styrofoam™).

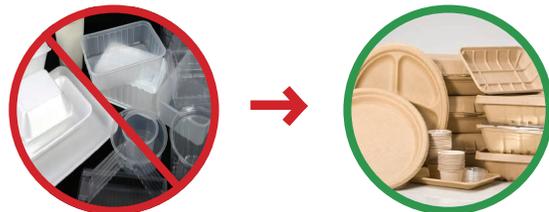


### November 1, 2020

Retail stores, restaurants and food vendors may not sell or distribute plastic straws, utensils, stirrers, splash sticks, cocktail sticks or toothpicks. Reusable or compostable\* items (like wood or bamboo) are allowed.



Retail stores, restaurants and food vendors may not sell, distribute, or serve prepared food in any food service ware that is not recyclable\*, is not compostable\*, or is made of polystyrene foam (Styrofoam™).



Only-Upon-Request Policy. Restaurants and food vendors may only distribute single-use food service ware accessories (like utensils, straws, napkins, or condiments) that comply with this ordinance and ONLY IF a customer specifically requests an item. This applies to customers ordering onsite and those ordering take-out or delivery from home.

### November 1, 2021

Retail stores may not distribute eggs, meat or fish using polystyrene foam egg cartons or meat/fish trays.

\***RECYCLABLE** means material that can be sorted, cleansed, and reconstituted using the City's available curbside collection programs. EDCO accepts and recycles any plastic with a recycling symbol of #1-#7.

\***COMPOSTABLE** items must be completely made of non-plastic plant material that will biodegrade in the environment. No PLA.

# City Facilities & Events

**May 1, 2020**

No one may sell or distribute packaged water (one liter or less) at a city event or facility unless it is in an aluminum can or a glass bottle. Reusable, recyclable\* or compostable\* cups are allowed.

**November 1, 2020**

No one may sell or distribute plastic beverage bottles (one liter or less) at a city event or facility. Reusable, recyclable\* or compostable\* cups are allowed.

## Take Action!

1. Use up any existing inventory of plastic utensils, straws, stirrers, splash sticks, cocktail sticks, toothpicks and other non-compliant food service ware.
2. Choose fiber-based, compostable food service ware that complies with the requirements.
3. Designate clearly marked collection containers for organic materials, recyclables, and trash.

### What's IN?

#### ✓ REUSABLE Straws, Utensils & Food Service Ware

- Reusable is the best and preferred option, especially for customers who are dining on site



- ✓ Glass
- ✓ Bamboo
- ✓ Metal
- ✓ Silicone

#### ✓ \*RECYCLABLE Food Service Ware

- EDCO recycles plastics #1-7, but #5 plastics are preferred due to the healthy domestic recycling market and ability of EDCO electronic sorters to capture these items

#### ✓ \*COMPOSTABLE Straws, Utensils & Food Service Ware

- Compostable items must be entirely made of non-plastic plant or fiber-based material that will biodegrade in the environment



- ✓ Bagasse
- ✓ Bamboo
- ✓ Wood
- ✓ Paper

#### ✓ ONLY UPON REQUEST: Provide compliant food service ware accessories only upon customer request

- Restaurants are encouraged to use dispensers and paper ramekins rather than pre-packaged condiment packets

#### ✓ DURABLE BEACH SUPPLIES & TOYS



- ✓ Hard Reusable Plastic Cooler
- ✓ Insulated Bag Cooler
- ✓ HDPE Slick Bodyboard
- ✓ Reusable Beach Toys

### What's OUT?

#### ✗ SINGLE-USE PLASTIC Straws, Utensils, Stirrers, Splash Sticks, Cocktail Sticks & Toothpicks



- ✗ Compostable materials that are lined or coated with plastic are not allowed

- ✗ PLA plastics, also known as bio-plastics, are not allowed

*This includes plastic with a 'biodegradable' label!*

#### ✗ POLYSTYRENE FOAM or STYROFOAM™ Products

- Prohibited polystyrene foam products are not allowed onto City beaches - polystyrene foam never decomposes, even when wet, and is a serious source of marine debris pollution



#### Prohibited Styrofoam Products

- ✗ Any food service ware

- ✗ Shipping materials, shipping boxes & packing peanuts



- ✗ Coolers, ice chests, & similar containers

- ✗ Pool or beach toys



- ✗ Dock floats, mooring buoys, or anchor or navigational markers

- ✗ Egg cartons or meat/fish trays

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