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RE: Ordinance for Polystyrene, Single-Use Plastic Products, and Certain Balloons

Dear City of Redondo Beach Business Owner and/ or Manager:

The City of Redondo Beach is dedicated to protecting the environment and has been a leader and active partner in supporting critical environmental initiatives. As part of this ongoing effort, the City is committed to reducing plastic-based waste that ends up on our beaches and in the ocean. On January 14, 2020, the Redondo Beach City Council adopted an ordinance (Ordinance No. O-3201-20¹) to prohibit:

- a) the use, distribution, and sale of polystyrene food service ware and coolers,
- b) use or distribution of single-use plastic products (straws, stirrers, and utensils) by food and beverage providers; but allow use of single-use non-plastic products “upon request”, and
- c) the release of helium filled balloons within the City limits.

This ordinance applies to all food and beverage providers within the City with the exceptions outlined in Redondo Beach Municipal Code Section 5-10.06(a)², as well as all residents, since it pertains to the release of helium-filled balloons. This information is being distributed to businesses that have been identified as food and beverage providers.

Although this ordinance prohibits the distribution and sale of certain single-use plastic and polystyrene items, it does allow for the provision of non-plastic single use items upon request, such as straws and utensils made from non-plastic materials (e.g., paper, wood, bamboo, metal, or glass). In addition, accommodations may be made to provide plastic straws to people with disabilities who request them to obtain equal access to food and beverage services.

The City recognizes that this is an adjustment for business owners and their operations. Although the ordinance became effective as of February 13, 2020 (thirty days after adoption), it also provided transition periods of six (6) months and a year, respectively, to

¹ <https://qcode.us/codes/redondobeach/>; see also
https://www.redondo.org/depts/public_works/engineering/forms.asp

² <https://qcode.us/codes/redondobeach/>

allow food and beverage providers the time necessary to exhaust existing supplies and find alternative products. The critical dates to be aware of include the following:

- August 13, 2020: Polystyrene prohibition will be enforced
- February 13, 2021: Single-use plastic and release of helium-filled balloons prohibition will be enforced

For your reference, the ordinance includes:

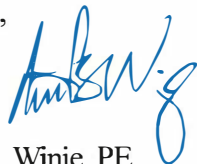
- A prohibition on the use, distribution, and sale of polystyrene food service ware and coolers. Examples include those items designated with a “6” or “PS” on the packaging such as coolers, egg cartons, produce trays, meat and fish trays, and packing materials (e.g., packing peanuts).
- A prohibition on single-use plastic straws, stirrers, and utensils
- A requirement that disposable, non-plastic alternative straws, stirrers, and utensils should be provided only **upon request by the customer**.

Additional information, including a guide to the ordinance (identifying allowable alternatives), can be found on the City’s website at https://www.redondo.org/depts/public_works/engineering/environmental_programs/default.asp. The City will work with businesses to achieve compliance with the ordinance. However, after the transition period, businesses found to be in non-compliance may be subject to the penalties as defined in the City Municipal Code. Penalties include:

- A fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) for a first violation;
- A fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200) for a second violation by the same person of the same ordinance within twelve (12) months of the date of the first violation; and
- A fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) for a third and each additional violation by the same person of the same ordinance within twelve (12) months of the date of the first violation.

The City thanks you for your participation and looks forward to working together with our business community on this important initiative. If you have any questions please contact the City's Public Works Department, Engineering Division at 310-318-0661.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Winje, PE
City Engineer



PLASTIC FREE *RB*

A Guide to the City of Redondo Beach Polystyrene and Single-Use Plastic Ordinance

REDONDO BEACH IS MOVING AWAY FROM POLYSTYRENE AND SINGLE-USE PLASTIC TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY AND OCEANS

THE PLASTIC POLLUTION PROBLEM Protecting the environment is part of Redondo Beach's core values. Yet, polystyrene items, plastic straws, and utensils of all shapes, sizes and colors are popping up everywhere, from cocktails to delivery food to unasked-for glasses of water. Collectively, Americans use roughly 500 million plastic straws daily – enough to fill up 125 school buses each day and wrap around our entire planet 2.5 times.

POLYSTYRENE AND SINGLE-USE PLASTIC HARMS WILDLIFE Because they're not recyclable, most polystyrene products, plastic straws and utensils end up in landfills. The rest can be disposed of improperly and end up polluting the environment. In fact, recent studies show that half of all sea turtles and nearly all seabirds have eaten plastic – and by 2050, it's expected that there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish, by weight.

REDONDO BEACH IS TAKING ACTION Here in Redondo Beach, we have the opportunity to do something about this problem, just as we did with plastic bags. Polystyrene items, straws, and utensils are in the top six most commonly found pieces of trash during beach cleanups in California, and these are also some of the most harmful pieces of plastic pollution to marine life.

HOW TO COMPLY BY AUGUST 13, 2020 FOR POLYSTYRENE AND FEBRUARY 13, 2021 FOR SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

- **Understand New Regulations:** The purpose of Municipal Code Section 5.10 is to regulate the use of certain polystyrene products, single-use plastic, and other single-use products in order to protect the health of Redondo Beach citizens and promote environmentally sustainable practices in the City.
- **Eliminate Single-Use Plastic:** Polystyrene items, plastic disposable straws, utensils, and stirrers distributed by food providers, whether for use on-site, to-go, or delivery, cannot be of plastic origin.
- **Use Recommended Alternatives:** Disposable straws, stirrers, and utensils must be made from non-plastic, non-polystyrene materials, including, but not limited to, paper, sugar cane, wood, or bamboo.

REGULATED ITEMS

POLYSTYRENE

(Styrofoam®, Rigid Polystyrene, Resin Code PS, #6, or PS#6)

- | | | |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|
| • Bowls | • Egg cartons | • Produce trays |
| • Cartons | • Meat and fish trays | • Straws |
| • Condiment containers | • Packing materials (e.g., packing peanuts) | • Utensils |
| • Coolers | • Plates | • Wrappers |
| • Cup lids | • Platters | |
| • Cups/drinkware | | |

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS

(Includes Resin Codes #1-6; Bioplastic PLA#7)

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| • Cup lids | • Straws |
| • Lid Plugs | • Utensils |
| • Stirrers | |

ALLOWABLE ITEMS

This guide includes information about the types of alternative products that may be used in place of polystyrene and single-use plastic. The ordinance allows non-plastic single use items, such as straws and utensils made from non-plastic materials (e.g., paper, wood, bamboo, metal, or glass). These disposable alternative straws, stirrers, and utensils can be provided only upon request by the customer. In addition, accommodations may be made to provide plastic straws to people with disabilities who request them to obtain equal access to food and beverage services.



A GUIDE TO Straw Alternatives



Recommended

REUSABLE STRAWS

Glass
Stainless Steel
Bamboo

Allowable
Alternatives



SINGLE-USE STRAWS

Paper
Grain
Edible



Not
Allowed

SINGLE-USE STRAWS

Plastic
Bioplastic
(PLA, #7, Compostable)

EXAMPLES OF Recommended/ Allowable Straw Alternatives

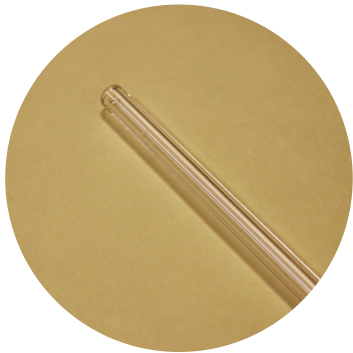
The City of Redondo Beach does not endorse and is not affiliated with any of the products or companies listed below. This is not a comprehensive list of acceptable alternatives. This guide is only meant to show some examples of what may work for your business. These resources were gathered primarily from *For A Strawless Ocean*. Visit StrawlessOcean.org/Alternatives for discount codes.



AARDVARK
Paper straws
Aardvarkstraws.com



STRAW FREE
Bamboo
Strawfree.org



SIMPLY STRAWS
Glass
SimplyStraws.com



STEELYS DRINKWARE
Stainless Steel
SteelysDrinkware.com



LOLISTRAW
BY LOLIWARE
Seaweed
Kickstarter.com/projects/1530128773/lolistraw-by-loliware



SORBOS
Sugar
WeareSorbos.com



THE AMAZING PASTA STRAW
BY THE AMAZING PASTA STRAW COMPANY
Wheat, water
<https://www.pastastraws.org/>

A GUIDE TO Utensil Alternatives

Recommended

REUSABLE UTENSILS

Metal
Bamboo



Allowable
Alternatives

SINGLE-USE UTENSILS

Bamboo
Wood
Edible

Not
Allowed

SINGLE-USE STRAWS

Plastic
Bioplastic
(PLA, #7, Compostable)



A GUIDE TO Stirrer Alternatives



Recommended

REUSABLE STIRRER

Glass
Metal

Allowable
Alternatives



SINGLE-USE STIRRER

Paper
Grain
Edible



Not
Allowed

SINGLE-USE UTENSILS

Plastic
Bioplastic
(PLA, #7, Compostable)



EXAMPLES OF Recommended/Allowable Utensil/Stirrer Alternatives

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AAYU

Birchwood
AayuWorld.com



NATURAL TABLEWARE

Aspen Wood
NaturalTableware.com



BAMBU

Bamboo
BambuHome.com



LEAFWARE

Birchwood
Leafware.com



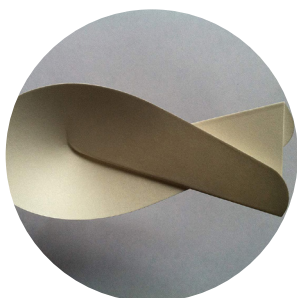
WOOD TASTING SPOONS

Wood
perfectstix.com
outsidetheboxpapers.com
greenpaperproducts.com



BAKEY'S EDIBLE UTENSILS

Flours of jowar (sorghum), rice, and wheat
Bakeys.com



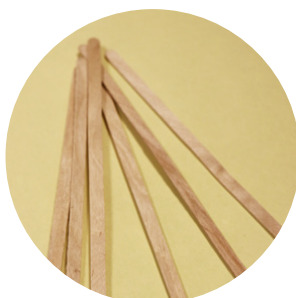
NUSPOON TASTERS

Paper
amazon.com



ECOSPOON4

Paper
ecotensil.com



NATURAL TABLEWARE

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
Certified Wood
NautralTableware.com

A GUIDE TO Polystyrene Alternatives



Recommended



REUSABLE PACKAGING

Bamboo Fiber
Mushroom Material
Cornstarch peanuts

Allowable
Alternatives



SINGLE-USE PACKAGING

Paper
Plantable
Edible



Not
Allowed

SINGLE-USE PACKAGING

Styrofoam®
Rigid Polystyrene
PS#6



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WHY WAS THE ORDINANCE ADOPTED?

The City of Redondo Beach adopted Ordinance No. O-3201-20 on January 14, 2020 to prohibit the distribution or sale of polystyrene and single-use plastic products by food or beverage providers. This ordinance was developed to address environmental and health-related concerns, including negative impacts to water quality, marine ecosystems and marine life, and human health.



WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS CAN NO LONGER BE USED?

The ordinance prohibits use of polystyrene food service ware and coolers, as well as single-use plastic straws, stirrers, and utensils. These items are listed below.

POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS:

(Styrofoam®, Rigid Polystyrene, Resin Code PS, #6, or PS#6)

- Bowls
- Cartons
- Condiment containers
- Coolers
- Cup lids
- Cups/ drinkware
- Egg cartons
- Meat and fish trays
- Packing materials (e.g., packing peanuts)
- Plates
- Platters
- Produce trays
- Straws
- Utensils
- Wrappers

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS:

(Includes Resin Codes #1-6; Bioplastic PLA#7)

- Cup lids
- Lid Plugs
- Stirrers
- Straws
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WHAT TYPES OF ITEMS CAN BE USED?

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