



City of Beverly Hills Ordinance Regulating Single-use Plastic & Expanded Polystyrene

BUSINESS FACT SHEET

Single-use plastic foodware and expanded polystyrene (foam) dominate our landfills, pollute our streets and waterways, and contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, harming human and environmental health. This ordinance aims to reduce plastic and polystyrene waste by restricting the distribution of such items.

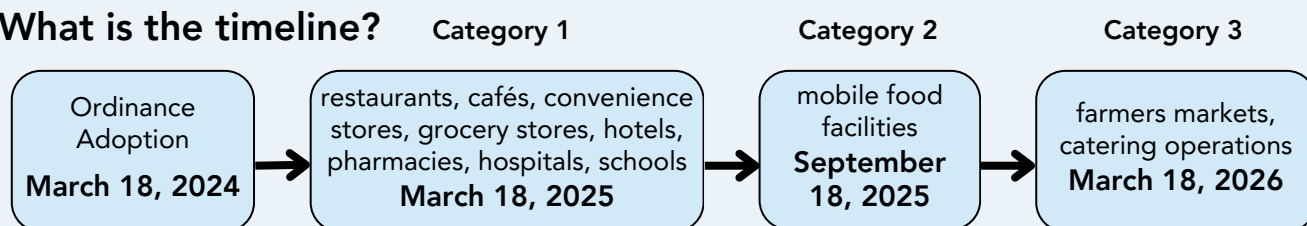
What are single-use articles?

- A **single-use article** is any disposable foodware item used to serve, transport, or consume food, including, but not limited to, containers, cups, lids, cutlery, straws, food trays, and egg cartons.

What does the ordinance include?

- This ordinance prohibits the distribution of non-compostable and non-recyclable **single-use articles** for food service and the sale of **expanded polystyrene products** in Beverly Hills.
- It also requires third-party online food ordering businesses to provide **single-use foodware accessories** (e.g., cutlery) only upon request AND full-service restaurants to distribute only **multiservice utensils** (reusables) to dine-in customers.

What is the timeline?



Permitted Items	Prohibited Items	Special Cases
<i>Compostable materials:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home compostable• 100% fiber-based, free of non-fiber additives• BPI and CMA certified <i>Recyclable materials:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unlined paper and aluminum• Containers with a CRV value	<i>Non-compostable and non-recyclable materials:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic (all resin codes)• Bioplastic (e.g., PLA)• Items with plastic, bioplastic, or wax coatings <i>Expanded polystyrene products</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• e.g., coolers, ice chests, single-use articles, pool toys, and packing materials	<i>If you cannot find a compliant product for your food-service application, please complete and submit a waiver application form on our website.</i>

For more information about requirements, exemptions, waiver applications, and incentives, including the Early Adopter Program, please visit

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Example Compostable Single-Use Articles

Compostable single-use articles are great for your business and have less of an impact on the environment than plastic foodware. These products are now widely available and more durable due to a rising market demand from consumers for climate-conscious businesses.

100% fiber-based Compostable Product Examples

(e.g., sugar cane, wheat, bamboo, palm leaf, wood)

Dishes & containers

– plates, bowls, clamshells, bento boxes, to-go boxes, pizza boxes, portion cups



Drink accessories

– cup lids, cup sleeves, straws, stirrers, spill plugs



Cutlery

– knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks



Grocery

– meat trays, produce trays, produce baskets, egg cartons



While not exhaustive, this list is intended to provide examples of how you can transition your foodware. For a list of compliant products and suppliers, please visit

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