

Expanded polystyrene local bans + disposable food service ware requirements

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City or County	Description	Exemptions?	Effective Date
Alameda	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be compostable.		2008
Alameda County	Polystyrene ban for all disposable food service items, with a requirement for recyclable or biodegradable replacements.		2015
Albany	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be biodegradable, compostable or recyclable.		2008
Arcata	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2015
Arroyo Grande	Expanded polystyrene ban for both distribution and sale, with a requirement that all disposable food containers be biodegradable, compostable or recyclable.		2016
Belmont	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2012
Berkeley	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that 50% of takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		1988
Burlingame	Expanded polystyrene ban, referencing San Mateo County's ordinance.		2012
Calabasas	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2008
Campbell	Expanded Polystyrene Ban.		2015
Capitola	Requirement that all disposable takeout food packaging be compostable.		2009
Carmel	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that 50% of takeout food packaging be recyclable, compostable or reusable.		1989
Carpinteria	Ban on non-recyclable plastic food takeout containers, including expanded polystyrene and food service ware. This includes but is not limited to plates, cups, bowls, trays and hinged or lidded containers. This does not include single-use disposable items such as straws, cup lids, utensils, carryout bags, or plastic film wrapping.		2009
Cupertino	Food vendors prohibited from using expanded polystyrene food takeout containers.		2014

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Dana Point	Ban on expanded polystyrene food containers.		2012
Del Ray Oaks	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2010
El Cerrito	Expanded polystyrene foodware ban, requirement that food packaging be recyclable, compostable, or reusable.		2014
Emeryville	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2008
Encinitas	Expanded polystyrene ban for all food providers and city facilities.		2016
Fairfax	Expanded polystyrene ban for all restaurants and food retail vendors.		1993
Fort Bragg	Expanded Polystyrene ban.		2015
Foster City	Polystyrene ban for restaurants and food vendors.		2012
Fremont	Expanded polystyrene ban for food vendors, requirement that all takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2011
Gonzales	Expanded Polystyrene Ban. Includes single-use disposable items such as plastic straws, cup lids or utensils.		2015
Greenfield	Expanded Polystyrene ban. Requires that all food service ware, as defined, shall only use biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable.		2015
Half Moon Bay	Passed an ordinance referencing San Mateo County's polystyrene food container ban.		2011
Hayward	Expanded polystyrene ban for restaurant vendors, requirement that takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2011
Hercules	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2008
Hermosa Beach	Polystyrene container ban.		2012
Lafayette	Expanded polystyrene ban. At least 50% by volume of each retail establishment's packaging in which take-out food is sold or provided to customers or which is kept,		2015, 2020

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	purchased or obtained is required to be returnable or recyclable. By 2020, that percentage increases to 75%.		
Laguna Beach	Polystyrene ban, requirement that all plastic takeout food packaging and disposable food service ware be recyclable.		2008
Livermore	Food vendors are required to use recyclable or compostable takeout food packaging.		2010
Los Altos	Prohibits the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene foam food containers.		2014
Los Altos Hills	Ban on expanded polystyrene and non-recyclable plastic food containers.		2012
Los Gatos	Expanded Polystyrene ban.		2015
Malibu	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2005
Manhattan Beach	Adopted a polystyrene food packaging ban. Disposable food service ware must exhibit Recycle Code other than No. 6 or PS and maintain documentation about the composition.		2013
Marin County	Expanded polystyrene ban. Restaurants are required to use "compostable" Disposable Food Packaging, as defined. This includes forks, knives, spoons, straws, lids, etc.		2010
Marina	Expanded polystyrene food container ban. Requires the use of recyclable or compostable takeout food packaging unless alternatives are unavailable.		2011
Mendocino County	Expanded polystyrene ban. Retail establishments are encouraged on a voluntary basis to use biodegradable disposable food service ware (lids, straws, forks, knives, stirrers).		2015
Menlo Park	Adopted San Mateo County ordinance by reference in August of 2012.		2012
Millbrae	Expanded polystyrene and solid polystyrene ban, requirement that all plastic takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2008
Mill Valley	Polystyrene ban. Biodegradable food packaging is required when using disposable		2009

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	food packaging, which includes cold cups, plates, hinge containers, bowls, trays, cartons, cups, cutlery, straws, lids, and bags.		
Monterey, City of	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable. Recyclable plastics coded with the recycling symbols #1 through #5.		2009
Monterey County	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2010
Morgan Hill	An expanded polystyrene ban in restaurants and other food facilities.		2014
Morro Bay	Expanded polystyrene ban for both distribution and sale, with a requirement that all disposable food containers be biodegradable, compostable or recyclable.		2016
Mountain View	A ban on expanded polystyrene products, either distributed in food facilities or sold in retailers.		2014
Newport Beach	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2008
Novato	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2013
Oakland	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be compostable.		2007
Ojai	Expanded polystyrene ban for all stores and vendors.		2014
Pacific Grove	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2008
Pacifica	Expanded and solid polystyrene ban. All food service ware must be recyclable, reusable or compostable.		2010
Palo Alto	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2010
Pasadena	Polystyrene ban for all food providers.		2017
Pismo Beach	Expanded polystyrene disposable food container ban, as well as a ban on the sale of any polystyrene products.		2016
Pittsburg	Prohibit the use of CFC processed polystyrene ban.		1993
Pleasanton	Bans food vendors from using EPS containers. Food service ware is required to be either		2013

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	recyclable or compostable. Does not include straws, utensils or cup lids.		
Portola Valley	Expanded polystyrene ban, referencing the San Mateo County ordinance.		2012
Redwood City	Expanded polystyrene ban, referencing the San Mateo County ordinance.		2013
Richmond	Expanded polystyrene ban for takeout food packaging in restaurants. Requires all disposable food ware to use compostable or recyclable disposable food ware.		2010, 2014
Salinas	Expanded polystyrene ban on takeout containers. All food providers utilizing disposable food service ware are required to use only biodegradable, compostable or recyclable products, as defined. Includes all bags, sacks, wrapping, containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, straws and lids.		2012
San Bruno	Polystyrene ban, requirement that all plastic takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2010
San Carlos	Adopted the San Mateo County ordinance by reference.		2012
San Clemente	Prohibits the use of expanded polystyrene.		2011
San Francisco	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging and disposable food service ware (straws, lids, spoons, knives, forks, plates, trays, bowls, containers, and napkins) be recyclable or compostable.		2007
San Jose	Expanded polystyrene ban in all food establishments.		2014, 2015
San Leandro	Expanded polystyrene food container ban.		2012
San Luis Obispo, City of	Expanded polystyrene ban. All disposable food containers shall be biodegradable, compostable or recyclable, as defined.		2015
San Mateo, City of	Polystyrene food packaging ban based on the San Mateo County model was adopted in May 2013.		2013
San Mateo County	An expanded polystyrene ban for the rest of unincorporated San Mateo County effective		2008, 2011

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	July 1, 2011. (Does not include straws, cup lids, or utensils.)		
San Rafael	Polystyrene container ban.		2013
Santa Clara County	Expanded polystyrene takeout container ban. All food service ware shall be recyclable, as defined.		2013
Santa Cruz, City of	In 2012, the sale of all foam polystyrene products is prohibited. In 2008, the city banned the distribution of expanded polystyrene food containers, with a requirement that the food packaging be recyclable or compostable.		2008, 2012
Santa Cruz County	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging be recyclable or compostable. Requires that all disposable food service ware be biodegradable or recyclable including all containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, lids, straws, stirrers, forks, spoons, knives, napkins and other items designed for one-time use for prepared foods.		2008, 2012
Santa Monica	Polystyrene ban with requirement that all plastic takeout food packaging and food service ware be recyclable.		2007
Sausalito	Food vendors, city facilities, and events are prohibited from using expanded polystyrene foam food containers.		2008
Scotts Valley	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging and food service ware be recyclable or compostable includes all containers, clamshells, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, lids, straws, stirrers, forks, spoons, knives, napkins and other items designed for one-time use for prepared foods.		2009
Seaside	Expanded polystyrene ban with requirement that all plastic takeout food packaging and disposable food service ware be recyclable or compostable.		2010
Solana Beach	Ban on polystyrene and non-recyclable plastic disposable food service containers.		April 2016
South San Francisco	Polystyrene ban. Requires that food service ware be biodegradable, compostable, reusable or recyclable including, but is not limited to,		2008

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	plates, cups, bowls, utensils, cartons, trays, and hinged or lidded containers for takeout foods and/or leftovers from partially consumed meals prepared at food vendors.		
Sunnyvale	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2014
Ukiah	Expanded polystyrene ban. On a voluntary basis, the city encourages the use of biodegradable disposable food service ware.		2015
Walnut Creek	Expanded polystyrene ban.		2014
Watsonville	Expanded polystyrene ban, requirement that all takeout food packaging and food service ware be recyclable or compostable, including al containers, clamshells, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, lids, straws, stirrers, forks, spoons, knives, napkins, and other items designed for one-time use for prepared food.		2009, 2014
West Hollywood	Expanded polystyrene ban.		1990
Yountville	Expanded polystyrene ban.		1989