

County of San Mateo

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Alameda	6/30/2018	Retail food vendors and food trucks	Plastic food ware items	All disposable food ware	Disposable food ware must be fiber-based compostable	No	No	No	No	Straws
Berkeley	3/27/2019 - Accessories upon request, color-coded receptacles; 1/1/2020 - All disposable food ware compostable; 7/1/2020 - Onsite dining may only use reusable	Prepared food vendors	N/A	All food ware and accessories	1. Self-bussing food vendors must provide color-coded bins 2. All disposable food ware and accessory items must be certified compostable (Biodegradable Products Institute [BPI]) and be free of intentionally added fluorinated chemicals 3. \$0.25 for every disposable cup provided 4. Onsite dining may only use reusable food ware to serve customers eating on the premises	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (\$0.25 for cups)	Accessories - straws, stirrers, napkins, utensils, condiment cups, packets, cup sleeves, tops, lids & spill plugs (with exceptions)
Carmel	2/1/2018 - Straws and utensils by request only; 4/22/2018 - Disposable food ware must be compostable or recyclable	Restaurants, food retail and any business or event where prepared food is sold for carryout or packaged convenience	Styrofoam or No. 6 polystyrene products	All disposable food ware	1. Straws, stir sticks, cups, lids, to-go cutlery must be certified compostable (BPI) 2. All to-go containers must be recyclable or certified compostable (BPI)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Straws and utensils
Davis	9/1/2017	All businesses, non-profits, restaurants, schools, hospitals, cafeterias, etc. that serve food or beverage (Does not apply to take-out food and beverage orders)	Polystyrene foam, plastic foam, plastic wrap or plastic bags, paper/foil wrappers, products that are not reusable, recyclable or compostable	Plates, cups, bowls, take-out food clamshells, left-over containers, etc.	Items must be recyclable or compostable. No polystyrene.	N/A	No	No	N/A	Straws

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Los Angeles City and County	4/22/2019 - Large food or beverage facility; 10/1/2019 - All other food or beverage facilities	Food or beverage facility	Ban self-serve/self-service plastic straw dispensers	Straws	Plastic straws will be distributed to dine-in/take-out customers upon request only or if offered by food facilities. Cannot be provided without offer or request.	No	No	No	No	Straws
Malibu	6/1/2018	Fast food restaurants, beverage provider, or vendor	Plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery	Plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery	Non-plastic alternatives (e.g., paper, sugar cane, bamboo, etc.)	No	No	No	No	Plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery
Manhattan Beach	7/1/2018	Food providers	Plastic straws, stirrers, lid plugs and utensils	Plastic straws, stirrers, lid plugs and utensils	Fiber-based compostable	No	No	No	No	Non-plastic straws, stirrers and utensils
Monterey	4/22/2019	City facilities, food providers	Polystyrene foam, plastic straws, disposable food service ware when dine-in, not compostable/ recyclable	Plastic straws, food ware	Encouraged to use reusable rather than disposables	Yes	No	No	No	Compostable straw
Oakland	7/1/2018	All Oakland food vendors selling prepared food, including restaurants, delis, fast-food establishments, vendors at fairs and food trucks	Polystyrene foam	Containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, lids, straws, forks, spoons, knives and other items	Biodegradable and compostable food service ware	Yes, if meets ASTM Standards	No	No	No	Straws
Pacifica	Originally adopted in 1/2002; Amended in 2018 to include more items	Restaurant, retail food vendor	Polystyrene, Plastic cutlery, plastic stirrers, plastic straws	Cutlery, stirrers, beverage straws	Non-plastic items made from paper, sugar cane or bamboo. Strongly encouraged to use 100% compostable paper cups.	Yes, if meets ASTM Standards	No	No	No	N/A

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Palo Alto	1/1/2020	All food service establishments	Plastic utensils, straws, stirrers, drink plugs and other small plastic food ware items	Plastic utensils, straws, stirrers, drink plugs and other small plastic food ware items	Use only reusable or compostable items. Compostable items must be acceptable in City's compost collection program.	Yes	No	No	No	Utensils, straws, stirrers, drink plugs, and other small plastic food ware items
Richmond	12/15/2018	Retail, food providers and lodging establishments	Plastic straws and stirrers, Styrofoam products	All disposable food ware	1. Straws - Fiber-based compostable only (cannot be compostable plastic) 2. Food ware - Recyclable or compostable	No - Straws Yes - Food ware	Yes	No	No	Straws and stirrers
San Anselmo	12/31/2019	Food vendors, Town purchases and Town sponsored events	Polystyrene	Food ware and accessory	1. Food ware: Dine-in - Reusables only. Take-out - Reusable, compostable or composed entirely of aluminum. Compostable items must also be BPI certified/free of fluorinated chemicals. 2. Accessories: Compostable only upon request/self-serve stations 3. 3-part waste bins (compost / recycling / landfill) required	Does not ban compostable plastics, but items must be accepted at local composting facility. Local composting facility doesn't accept compostable plastics.	Yes	Yes	Yes (\$0.25 for cups)	Compostable food ware accessories

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San Francisco	7/1/2019 - paper straws available only upon request; 1/1/2020 - paper/natural fiber straws & all compostable food ware must be BPI certified	Retailers, food and beverage vendors and event producers	Plastic accessories, including beverage plugs, cocktail sticks, stirrers, toothpicks Starting 1/1/20, compostable plastic straws banned	All disposable food ware	1. Straws must be made of natural fiber or paper 2. All other compostable food ware must be BPI certified	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	All food and beverage accessories
San Mateo County <i>(Proposed Ordinance as of summer 2019)</i>	TBD	All food facilities that serve food and beverages to public	Polystyrene, plastic food ware - utensils, stirrers, straws, large food ware items (e.g., cups, plates, bowls, clams shells, etc.)	Polystyrene, plastic food ware - utensils, stirrers, straws, large food ware items (e.g., cups, plates, bowls, clams shells, etc.)	1. Straws, utensils, stirrers, and cocktail/toothpicks must be made of natural fiber 2. Larger items (e.g., cups, plates, bowls, clams shells, etc.) must be natural fiber based, free of fluorinated chemicals, and BPI certified (or other certification approved by County)	Items made entirely of compostable plastic - banned; lining/ coating - acceptable	Yes	Yes	No	Accessories - straws, stirrers, napkins, utensils, condiment cups, cup sleeves, tops, lids, spill plugs, etc. (with exceptions)
Santa Barbara	7/1/2019	Beverage providers, food providers, City facilities	Plastic straws and stirrers, compostable plastic (PLA) straws and stirrers	Plastic straws and stirrers, compostable plastic (PLA) straws and stirrers	N/A - Ordinance bans listed regulated items	No	N/A	No	N/A	Plastic cutlery

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Santa Cruz	2008 - Polystyrene ban; 2012 - Added coolers, shipping boxes and beach toys; 11/7/2017 - Removed blanket exemption and added accessories only request provision	All food service businesses	Disposable food service ware containing polystyrene	All disposable food ware	ASTM-standards certified biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable in the City's recycling program	Yes	No	No	No, but encouraged	Straws, lids, cutlery, and to-go condiments packages
Santa Cruz County	1/1/2017	All to-go food service providers	Plastic food ware items	Straws, utensils, stirrers, lid plugs, plates, trays, bowls, containers, cups and lids	Must be BPI certified compostable	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A
Santa Monica	1/1/2019	Food or beverage provider	Plastics #1-6, compostable plastic/polylactic acid (PLA) and aluminum	Straws, utensils, stirrers, lid plugs, plates, trays, bowls, containers, cups and cup lids	Disposable food ware must be fiber-based compostable	No	No	No	No	Marine degradable straws and utensils
Union City	1/1/2020	Any establishment providing beverages for consumption	Plastic, Bio-plastic or PLA plant-based straws	Straws and accessories	Straws must be fiber based compostable or reusable	No	No	No	No	Accessories

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Watsonville	1/1/2020 - Plastic straw ban; 1/1/21 - Compostable food ware and 10 cent charge on cups and 3-bin waste collection	Food providers that offer food and beverage to the public	Plastic and plastic foam products (cups, plates, bowls, clamshells, coolers, containers, shipping boxes, etc.)	All food ware items	1. Disposable food service ware must be compostable (must be ASTM - Standards for compostability) 2. \$0.10 for every disposable cup provided 3. Three separate waste bins requirement (compost / recycling / landfill)	Yes	No	No	Yes - Mandatory \$0.10 for cups; optional \$0.10 charge for all other to-go food ware items	N/A
San Francisco Airport (SFO)	3/31/2019	SFO Tenants, including food vendors	Single-use plastic food service ware and accessories	All disposable food ware	1. BPI certified compostable or natural fiber 2. Labeled "compostable" with green color coding 3. Free of fluorinated chemicals (PFAS)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Plastic straws
California State (AB 1884 - Plastic Straws Upon Request)	1/1/2019	Full-service restaurants	N/A	Single-use plastic straw	Single-use plastic straw only upon request	Yes	No	No	No	Plastic straws