

Special Event Guide

Requirements for the use of food packaging and other single-use items under Municipal Code Chapter 8.63



STRAWS AND UTENSILS

- All disposable straws and utensils must be given only upon request at all food establishments.
- Straws must not be plastic or bioplastic.
 - Plastic straws may be given to individuals with disabilities



FOODWARE RESTRICTIONS

All food vendors, including foodtrucks and any other distributor of prepared foods, may not use expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam, rigid polystyrene #6, or any other non-recyclable or non-compostable material for foodware packaging.

BEST OPTION: Reusables

If your event has the capability of using reusable cups, utensils, and other foodware, consider using this sustainable alternative that can also save money.



GOOD OPTION: Accepted Disposables

Recommended Alternatives: Paper/Fiber, Aluminum/Tin, Plastic #1, #2, or #5

Not Recommended: Compostable Plastics (PLA #7)

Note: All foodware is not recyclable once food-soiled.



NOT ALLOWED:

EPS Foam (Styrofoam) & Rigid Polystyrene Plastic #6



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