

BANNED POLYSTYRENE FOOD PACKAGING



On July 18, 2016 the Pasadena City Council unanimously voted to ban the use of polystyrene food packaging within Pasadena: Polystyrene Food Packaging Ordinance (PMC 8.67)

BANNED ITEMS

1. Polystyrene food packaging includes: cups, bowls, plates, takeout containers and trays. These items are usually labeled with a recycling code PS or #6.
2. Polystyrene coolers - coolers or ice chest made of polystyrene foam that are not encased in a durable material.

WHO IS AFFECTED

1. All food providers that sell or distribute food to the general public or their membership.
2. All retailers of food packaging.

HOW TO COMPLY

1. Effective August 22, 2016 all City facilities and operations, and City sponsored and permitted events must stop using polystyrene food packaging.
2. Effective August 22, 2017 all Pasadena businesses and organizations must stop using or selling polystyrene food packaging.

ALTERNATIVES

Contact your food packaging distributor about alternatives to polystyrene food packaging. There are many alternative options available including:

- Aluminum
- Coated and uncoated paper
- Plastics 1 through 5

MORE INFORMATION

Contact The Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311, or pasadena311@cityofpasadena.net

