

Be Foodware Wise and Trash the Disposable Lifestyle

If we continue living a disposable lifestyle, by weight, our oceans will have more plastic than fish by the year 2050. Plastic products do not biodegrade. Eight million tons of plastic enter our oceans each year and break down into smaller microplastics. Microplastics harm our wildlife, our ecosystems, and are found in a wide range of consumable food and drinks.



Reduction of Waste from Single-Use Articles and Expanded Polystyrene Products Ordinance

The County of Los Angeles took action to address plastic pollution affecting our environment and communities. In April 2022, the County Board of Supervisors passed the **Reduction of Waste from Single-Use Articles and Expanded Polystyrene Products Ordinance**, which requires:

- Restaurants, bars and other permanent, temporary and mobile food service facilities to no longer provide single-use foodware accessories except upon request.
- Full-service restaurants must use multiuse utensils and food/drink/condiment containers for dine-in customers.
- Compostable or recyclable single use items available upon request may include:
 - Utensils – forks, knives, spoons, sporks, chopsticks
 - Straws and stirrers
 - Splash sticks and cocktail sticks
 - Condiment containers



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