

SINGLE-USE FOODWARE REDUCTION ORDINANCE



Truckee Town Council approved a single-use foodware reduction ordinance on November 8, 2022. The ordinance includes:

1. A ban on the sale and distribution of expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam)

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2023

WHO IT APPLIES TO: all businesses or people, including restaurants, retail stores, and food vendors

DOES NOT APPLY TO: (1) food packaged outside of Truckee, except for egg cartons, and trays for meat, fish, fruit, or vegetables; (2) expanded polystyrene products encased in a more durable material (e.g. expanded polystyrene ice chests encased in a rigid plastic)

- Grant funding is available for businesses to transition to non-Styrofoam alternatives
- Businesses can apply for a one-year hardship exemption if non-Styrofoam alternative is not available or is cost prohibitive

2. Businesses must charge a \$0.25 customer fee on disposable cups and takeout food containers

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2024

WHO IT APPLIES TO: restaurants, food service establishments, coffee shops, bakeries, bars, drugstores, grocery stores

DOES NOT APPLY TO: food trucks or special events

- Businesses keep the fee revenue
- Customers on WIC, EBT, or Medi-Cal are exempt from the fee
- Fee does not apply to pizza boxes or containers provided for leftovers when dining-in
- Customers can provide their own reusable cup or takeout container to avoid the fee. Food vendors must follow Health and Safety Code requirements to prevent cross-contamination.

3. Food vendors must provide reusable foodware for customers dining in

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2024

WHO IT APPLIES TO: restaurants, food service establishments, coffee shops, bakeries, bars

DOES NOT APPLY TO: (1) food trucks or special events; (2) disposable paper food wrappers, aluminum foil food wrappers, paper napkins, straws, paper tray or plate liners, non-plastic stirrers, cocktail sticks, and toothpicks, or pre-packaged food packaged outside the food facility

- New restaurants or other food service establishments seeking a permit from the Town must demonstrate ability to comply with adequate dishwashing capacity
- Grant funding is available to purchase reusable foodware and dishwashing equipment
- Businesses can apply for a one-year hardship exemption due to hardships reaching compliance

4. Single-use accessory foodware items should only be provided upon a customer's request

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2024

WHO IT APPLIES TO: restaurants, food service establishments, coffee shops, bakeries, bars, including third-party delivery platforms and drive-thru

- Accessory foodware items include disposable utensils, chopsticks, condiment cups and packets, straws, stirrers, napkins, splash sticks, cup lids, and cup sleeves
- Self-service stations for accessory foodware is allowed

More information is available at keeptruckeegreen.org/singleuse

