



## Single-Use Food & Beverage Containers at Events



Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 8.63 requires single-use food and beverage containers be made of a recyclable or compostable material, and prohibits the use of expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam™) containers.

### ACCEPTABLE

#### Recommended alternatives to foam:

- Aluminum or Tin
  - Recyclable Plastics #1, #2 and #5
  - Compostable Paper (if organics recycling service is available at venue)
- ⇒ Compostable Plastics (#7) are not recommended due to lack of recycling/composting options.



### PROHIBITED

- Expanded polystyrene foam (Styrofoam™)
- Rigid polystyrene (plastic #6)
- Composite plastics (non-recyclable and non-compostable plastics)



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Dear Long Beach Special Event Food Vendor Participant,

As a vendor in the City of Long Beach, you are required to comply with the City's new ordinance 8.63.010 which prohibits the use of single-use food and beverage containers made of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam, rigid Polystyrene (plastic #6) and non-compostable/non-recyclable materials for serving prepared food for immediate or to-go consumption.

All City-sponsored events or City-permitted events are required to comply within three months after the adoption of the ordinance. The ordinance is effective June 3, 2018 and therefore, these establishments must comply by September 3, 2018.

City-sponsored or City-permitted events for which authorizations or permits were issued prior to the operative date of this Ordinance are exempt as provided in Subsection 8.63.050.A.4. City-sponsored or City-permitted events which are authorized or permitted for multiple years must comply within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of the operative date of this ordinance.

To be in compliance, the City recommends using reusable items or single-use items made of aluminum, paper, or recyclable plastics #1, #2, or #5. Although compostable options are permitted, these are currently not recommended due to a lack of composting facilities. If compostable materials are used they will need to be disposed of as part of the trash generated at your event, unless you have arranged for organics collection. Please check with your event organizer to confirm waste hauling services. Compostable materials are NOT recyclable. Thank you for your cooperation in improving the environment of our City and planet. If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Service Bureau at (562) 570-2850 or email [FoamFreeLB@longbeach.gov](mailto:FoamFreeLB@longbeach.gov).

Sincerely,

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