

BUSINESS LAWS & ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE AND POLYSTYRENE FOAM BAN MODEL ORDINANCE

APPLIES TO FOOD/BEVERAGE PROVIDERS, RETAILERS, SPECIAL EVENT PROMOTERS, GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, CONTRACTORS, AND LESSEES.

Jurisdictions in Sonoma County have implemented a model ordinance to ban the sale of certain polystyrene foam products and limit the use of non-recyclable or non-compostable disposable food ware. Please confirm specific requirements within your jurisdiction.

ABOUT THE MODEL ORDINANCE

- Prohibits polystyrene foam food ware and foodware containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) distributed by food and beverage providers.
- Prohibits polystyrene foam food ware and specified polystyrene foam products sold by retail stores.
- Requires food/beverage providers and special events to use compostable or recyclable single-use food service ware and accessories.
- Requires food/beverage providers to provide single-use straws, lids, cutlery, and to-go condiment packages only upon request.
- Encourages use of reusables.

For more information and to report non-compliant businesses, visit zerowastesonoma.gov/disposable

POLYSTYRENE FOAM IS GOING AWAY



ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2 WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR CARRYOUT BAGS ORDINANCE

APPLIES TO ALL GROCERY STORES AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS.



- Prohibits all single-use plastic carryout bags (point-of-sale or checkout).
- Requires a minimum 10¢ charge on all compliant recycled paper bags.
- Charge must be displayed separately on customer receipt.
- Stores to keep the charge.

Please email zerowastesonoma@sonoma-county.org or call 707-565-337 to report if a store is providing single use plastic bags or not charging for carryout bags.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE (RMDZ)

calrecycle.ca.gov/rmdz

565-1730

Sonoma County is part of California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) RMDZ program. The program seeks to combine recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills.

Resources available include attractive loans, technical assistance, and free product marketing to businesses that use materials from the waste stream to manufacture their products.

SONOMA COUNTY GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION

SonomaCounty.ca.gov/Green-Business

565-6470

The Sonoma Green Business Program recognizes businesses, nonprofit organizations, and municipal offices in Sonoma County that meet high environmental standards. The Green Business Program is a voluntary and no-cost certification that looks at specific measures regarding energy, water, waste, pollution prevention, and best practices.

ZERO WASTE SONOMA REUSABLE FOODWARE GRANT

zerowastesonoma.gov/reusable-foodware-grant

Sonoma County food service facilities are eligible for up to \$250 per business to cover costs of reusable foodware such as baskets, plates, bowls, ramekins, cups, mugs, trays utensils, bulk dispensers, self-service bins, dishwashers, and payment to third-party support for reuse. *Available on a limited first come, first served basis.

