



# Plastic Waste Reduction

The City of Arcadia will implement two new restrictions to help reduce plastic waste that will take effect over two separate phases. Phase One will restrict the distribution of disposable food service ware items such as utensils, napkins, and condiment packets to by-request only, beginning on February 3, 2022. Phase Two will prohibit the use of polystyrene containers for prepared food and beverages and will require the use of containers made from alternative materials other than polystyrene, beginning on December 3, 2022.

## Ordinance No. 2380

Placing restrictions on distribution of single-use food utensils and accessories and the ban of food and beverage containers made from Polystyrene (also known as "Styrofoam").



### Phase One: Single-Use Food Accessories by Request Only

**Begins Thursday, February 3, 2022**

All food providers in the City may only provide single-use accessories (utensils, napkins, condiments, etc.) either by request of the customer, or affirmative answer when customer is asked.

The Ordinance does **not** restrict food providers from having self-serve accessories for customers, and it allows for discretion if an item is needed (like a lid stopper in hot drinks for a large to go order) with a particular order. The Ordinance is in line with AB1276 which will go into effect statewide on June 1, 2022.

### Phase Two: Ban on Polystyrene Containers for Prepared food and Beverages

**Begins Saturday, December 3, 2022**

Prohibits the use of containers made from Polystyrene (Recycling code #6) for prepared food or beverages. This means restaurants and other food providers will need to use containers made from alternative materials.

Some acceptable alternatives include:

- Coated or Uncoated Paper
- Bagasse/Molded Fibers
- Recyclable Plastics

There are some exceptions, including products under existing contracts and written exemptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

For more information and to read the full Ordinance, visit [ArcadiaCA.gov/lessplastic](https://ArcadiaCA.gov/lessplastic)



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