



## 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.

## State Mandate

In June 2022, Assembly Bill (AB) 1276, "Single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments," took effect, prohibiting the automatic offering of single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments that restaurants and other food service establishments provide to their customers. Such foodware accessories must be provided only upon request. These items include:

-  • Utensils – forks, knives, spoons, sporks, chopsticks
-  • Condiment cups and standard condiment packets<sup>1</sup>

-  • Straws
-  • Stirrers
-  • Cocktail sticks

<sup>1</sup> Relishes, spices, sauces or seasonings including ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, soy sauce, hot sauces, salsa, salt, pepper, sugar and sugar substitutes

## County Ordinance

The County of Los Angeles has taken further action to address plastic pollution impacting 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**, affecting dine-in and fast-food restaurants and hospitality venues offering full-service, takeout, delivery as well as catering operations, food trucks, temporary food services, farmers' markets, and third-party food ordering online businesses in unincorporated LA County.

These food service establishments and retail establishments are required to:

### Do

- Provide single-use foodware accessories upon request or confirmation only
- Use multiuse utensils and food/drink containers for dine-in services at full-service restaurants
- Use only single-use foodware articles that are compostable or recyclable



### Do not

- Do not provide single-use foodware accessories automatically
- Do not use single-use utensils and food/drink containers for dine-in services at full-service restaurants
- Do not use single-use foodware articles that are not compostable or recyclable starting May 1, 2023
- Do not sell, rent, or offer expanded polystyrene products in retail establishments starting May 1, 2023
- Do not provide food to retail customers in non-compostable and non-recyclable food trays or egg cartons starting May 1, 2023