# Environmentally Acceptable Food Packaging Ordinance

City of Davis Municipal Code 32.06

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- Businesses, non-profits, restaurants, schools, hospitals, cafeterias, etc. that serve food or beverages:
    - May not use disposable polystyrene foam products to serve prepared food or drink.
    - Must serve prepared food and drinks with reusable, recyclable, or compostable serving ware.
- Polystyrene foam serving ware may not be used in any City park, greenbelt or City building.
- Serving ware includes: plates, cups, bowls, take-out food clamshells, left-over containers from sit-down meals, etc.

## The ordinance does not apply to:

- Food prepared or packaged outside the City of Davis
- Unprepared food (raw meat, raw eggs, etc.)
- Polystyrene used for packaging materials
- Retail sales of polystyrene products

## Not allowed

- Polystyrene and other plastic foam
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic bags
- Wrappers made from a paper and foil combination
- Products that are not reusable, recyclable or compostable

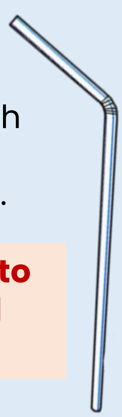
## Acceptable Food Packaging

- Rigid, non-foam plastic containers
- Paper products
- Reusable products
- Recyclable products
- Compostable products

## Beverage Straws

California Law (AB 1884)

Sit-down full-service restaurants cannot provide customers with a straw unless the customers ask for one.



**This does not apply to take-out food and beverage orders**

## Resources and Assistance

Recology Davis provides free waste audits, where their staff can come to your business and offer suggestions and advice to ensure compliance with solid waste regulations. Contact Recology Davis at RecologyDavis@Recology.com or 530-756-4646 to set up an appointment.

Businesses can request free recycling and organic waste bins and waste bin labels online at DavisRecycling.org. Scan the QR code to the right for details. Posters and fliers are also available to download for free at DavisRecycling.org.