

# Waste & Toxics Reduction Laws

Quick Guide for Food Service Organizations and Businesses

## Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Ban

The sale and distribution of EPS packing peanuts, single-use coolers, and food service products is prohibited.

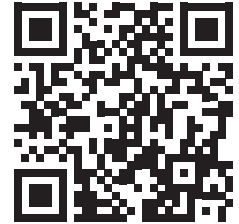
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Effective June 1, 2023



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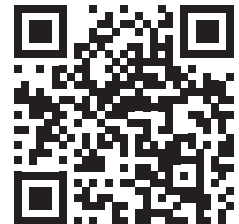
## Single-use Serviceware Law

Effective January 1, 2022

Businesses can no longer automatically provide single-use items in customer orders.



**NO** bundled utensils or pre-packaged cutlery kits



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## Single-use Plastic Bag Ban

Effective October 1, 2021 | Contact: [bagban@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:bagban@ecy.wa.gov)



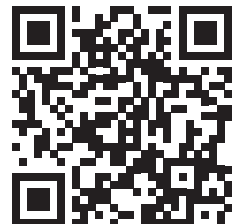
**NO**  
Single-use plastic carryout bags



**8¢ charge**  
Large paper carryout bags



**8¢ charge**  
Thick reusable plastic carryout bags



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## Compostable Plastic Product Labeling

Effective January 1, 2024 | Contact: [organics@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:organics@ecy.wa.gov)

Look for compostable products with the right labeling features (green, beige, or brown color/striping, certifier logo, and the word “compostable”) and avoid “greenwashing” products.

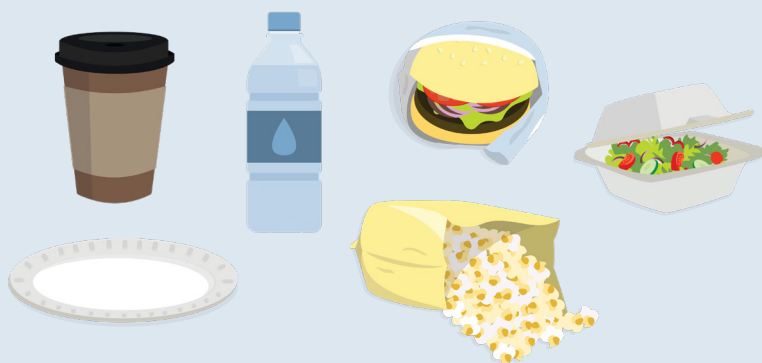


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compostable-labeling](https://ecology.wa.gov/compostable-labeling)

## PFAS in Food Packaging

Effective February 1, 2023 and May 1, 2024

Some food packaging with PFAS may not be made, sold, or distributed in Washington. Request a Certificate of Compliance from manufacturers.



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