



Attention All Business Owners and Non-Profits Within San Luis Obispo County A New Ordinance Takes Effect April 9, 2020

Ordinance No. 2019-1 requires food, beverage and retail outlets including non-profits to eliminate the use of Plastic  (Polystyrene).
All products shall be Reusable, Recyclable, or Biodegradable.

Postponed!

Dear Business Owner, Non-Profit,

We are committed to assisting you in making an efficient transition from the use of Plastics  (Polystyrene) to the variety of alternative products that are available to you. In the coming weeks, a representative from the San Luis Obispo County I.W.M.A. will contact you to answer questions and assist, if needed, in the implementation of the new ordinance. Have questions now? Please call 805-782-8530 or email ptoews@iwma.com

Implementation of the Polystyrene Ordinance is postponed for one year, until April 9, 2021, in consideration of businesses facing challenges brought on by COVID-19 and related impacts.

Under the ordinance regulating Plastics  (Polystyrene and Expanded Polystyrene) food containers and products, please be aware that:

- **The Ordinance Applies To:** Food and beverage providers, stores, businesses and non-profits which use/sell goods, services or products.
- **The following Polystyrene & Expanded Polystyrene items will be prohibited:** Clamshells, bowls, plates, utensils, trays, wrappers, platters, condiment containers, cartons, cups, drink ware, ice chests, shipping boxes, packing peanuts, or other packaging materials.
- **Disposable Food Containers Must Be Either:** Reusable, Recyclable, or Biodegradable.
- **Exemptions:** A business may apply for a one year exemption to Ordinance 2019-1 under criteria that include: affordability, undue hardship and public health, safety, or medical exemption.

A vendor list with products that might be useful in the transition are now available on the IWMA website. **Please visit: IWMA.com/poly**

Sincerely,

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