



# Sustainable Foodware Ordinance

## What Your Business Needs to Know

The City of Newark adopted the Sustainable Foodware Ordinance on June 22, 2023, to protect local waterways and oceans from plastic pollution, reduce litter, and reduce waste going to landfill. **You are receiving this notice because your business is registered with the City of Newark as a food service establishment and is required to comply with the ordinance.**

### Who is affected:

All food service establishments including restaurants, bars, delis, grocery stores, food trucks, hotels, convenience stores and corporate cafeterias.

### Food service establishments will be required to:

- 1 Provide food in containers not made from expanded polystyrene.
- 2 Offer single-use items such as as utensils, straws, condiment packets, etc. only upon request or at a self-serve station.
- 3 Provide only the specific item requested, bundled utensils are prohibited.
- 4 Update online ordering menus to allow consumers to request each available accessory or condiment.



### Banned Disposable Foodware:



**Food containers composed of expanded polystyrene are not allowed**  
(often referred to as "Styrofoam")



**Bundled utensils are not allowed**

### Resources

- For more information on the Sustainable Foodware ordinance, visit [www.Newark.org/green](http://www.Newark.org/green)
- Free signage, resources and additional details available at [www.StopWaste.org/AB1276](http://www.StopWaste.org/AB1276)
- For information on alternatives to expanded polystyrene, such as reusable or compostable foodware, visit [www.StopWaste.org/reusablefoodware](http://www.StopWaste.org/reusablefoodware).