



“Polystyrene Ordinance” Fact Sheet

Overview of Ordinance

Chapter 10.42 of the Monterey County Code of Ordinances regulates and limits the use of polystyrene foam food packaging by retail food providers in the unincorporated area of Monterey County. The ordinance will protect the environment, reduce solid waste, and decrease litter throughout the unincorporated County by reducing the use of polystyrene foam food packaging.

Applicability

This ordinance applies to all retail food providers (restaurant, café, delicatessen, food court, mobile/catering truck, temporary food booth, or any other person who provides prepared food at the retail level) who operate in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County.

Exemptions

- Packaging for raw uncooked meat, poultry, fish, or eggs (unless provided for consumption without further food preparation)
- Prepared foods made or packaged outside the unincorporated county, but sold in the unincorporated areas
- Polystyrene foam coolers and ice chests
- Emergency relief efforts

Penalties for non-compliance

After one (1) warning:

- The 1st violation results in a fine of up to \$100
- The 2nd violation results in a fine of up to \$200
- The 3rd and subsequent violations results in a fine of up to \$500 per violation



More Information

Please contact Monterey County Health Department Environmental Health Bureau at (831) 755-4505.

NON-POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD CONTAINER VENDOR LIST

LOCAL SUPPLIER

VENDOR	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	WEBSITE	NOTES
Costco	1339 North Davis Road Salinas, CA 93907	(831) 424-4242		www.costco.com	Membership required
Costco	801 Tioga Avenue Sand City, CA 93955	(831) 899-1256		www.costco.com	Membership required
Passion Purveyors	1120 Forest Avenue, #130 Pacific Grove, CA 93950	(831)383-9215		www.passionpurveyors.com	
Smart & Final	319 E. Market Street Salinas, CA 93901	(831) 754-1068		www.smartandfinal.com	
Smart & Final	1560 Canyon Del Rey Seaside, CA 93955	(831) 393-0250		www.smartandfinal.com	

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT SUPPLIER

VENDOR	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	WEBSITE	NOTES
BiRite Foodservice Distributors	123 South Hill Drive Brisbane, CA 94005	(800) 227-5373		www.birite.com	
Sysco	5900 Stewart Avenue Fremont, CA 94538	(800) 877-7012		www.sysco.com	
US Foodservice	300 Lawrence Drive Livermore, CA 94551	(800) 682-1228	(925) 606-3591	www.usfoodservice.com	

ONLINE SUPPLIER

VENDOR	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	WEBSITE	NOTES
Viv Business Club		(415) 625-3848		www.vivbizclub.com	Membership required
The WEBstaurant Store		(717) 392-7472		www.webstaurantstore.com	
World Centric	2121 Staunton Court Palo Alto, CA 94306	(650) 283-3797	(866) 850-9732	www.worldcentric.org	

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