

HOW WE TAKE-OUT IS CHANGING

TAKE-OUT CUP AND CONTAINER CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022

What does the foam ban include?

The ban applies to:

- All white and coloured polystyrene foam beverage cups and foam take-out containers that food vendors use for serving prepared food or beverages, including but not limited to: plates, cups, bowls, trays, cartons and hinged (“clamshell”) or lidded containers.
- All prepared food, whether consumed on the premises, served as take-out or delivery, or packaged as leftovers, in foam cups and foam take-out containers. Prepared food refers to food or beverages prepared by food vendors using any cooking or food preparation technique. This may include foods like soups, stews, curries, sushi, fried food, sauces, salads, deli foods, or sliced veggies meant to be eaten without further cooking.



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Who and what is exempt from the foam ban?

Hospitals and Community Care Facilities: The foam ban does not apply to food service to patients in hospitals or food service to residents of community care facilities licensed under the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*. The foam ban does apply to food vendors with a business license whose premises are located in hospitals or community care facilities (example: cafeterias, cafes) that serve prepared food to customers.

Foam trays used to package uncooked food such as meat, poultry, seafood, eggs or vegetables that require further preparation before they are eaten are permitted.

Prepared foods packaged and sealed outside of Chilliwack in foam cups and foam take-out containers are also permitted.

Do charities and not-for-profits have to comply with the foam ban?

Yes.

Does the ban apply to all polystyrene plastic products, including utensils, cup lids and containers made of hard polystyrene plastic, or polystyrene foam cushion packaging or foam freezers?

No. The ban only applies to expanded polystyrene foam cups and foam take-out containers used by food vendors to serve prepared food and beverages.

Does the Single-Use Item Reduction Bylaw require businesses to charge minimum fees on drink cups, similar to the City of Vancouver’s cup bylaw?

No. The amendments made to the *Community Charter* by the Provincial Government do not enable local governments to regulate single-use beverage cups at this time. The City of Vancouver has greater regulatory authority under the *Vancouver Charter* that enables them to enact minimum fee regulations on cups. The City will focus on educational initiatives to discourage the use of single-use beverage cups and will investigate their regulation in future, should the Provincial Government make this possible.



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