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San Diego is the latest California city to ban single-use plastics

SAN DIEGO, CA – The San Diego City Council passed a Single Use Plastic Reduction Ordinance on 15, November. The council passed an identical ordinance back in January 2019, but it was stalled due to litigation.

The new law covers a long list of polystyrene products, including polystyrene foam food service ware, food trays, egg cartons, coolers, ice chests, pool or beach toys and dock floats, mooring buoys, anchor or navigation markers.

Polystyrene foam products won't be allowed at city facilities, and city departments will not be able to purchase or acquire food service ware made from polystyrene foam either. Food vendors will only be able to offer single use utensils and straws upon request.

The ordinance goes into effect on April 1, 2023

Source: <https://www.kpbs.org/news/environment/2022/11/16/san-diego-is-the-latest-california-city-to-ban-single-use-plastics>



CALIFORNIA TO EXPAND BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Berkeley bans all plastic bags starting next year

The Berkeley City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting grocery stores, farmers' markets and vendors at city-sponsored events from providing non-compostable plastic bags to customers beginning on January 1.

The Council voted that stores may only offer customers bags that are certifiable compostable, which are likely made out of paper or other materials. If shoppers forget to bring their own tote bags, stores must charge 10 cents for any more-sustainable sacks they dole out.

Berkeley stores will have to switch to offering "truly" compostable pre-checkout bags, like those made of paper, and charge 10 cents apiece. They will also be required to "reasonably" accept customers' own reusable bags and containers. Businesses will keep the revenue from bag charges.

Source:

<https://www.berkeleyside.org/2022/11/16/berkeley-plastic-bag-ban-to-get-tougher-in-2023>

Single-Use Plastic Bag Ordinance Moves Forward In Doylestown

DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH, PA – A draft ordinance aimed at moving shoppers and businesses away from single-use plastic bags and toward reusable bags is moving forward in the borough with some adjustments.

After its latest review, the borough's Environmental Advisory Council voted to move the proposed ordinance to a committee of council for review and ultimately to the borough council, which will advertise and vote for the adoption of the ordinance.

The new regulations would apply to restaurants, retail stores, the farmers' market, convenience stores, delivery services, food trucks and public events using single-use plastic bags.

The ordinance would be considered effective five days after adoption by council. That would be followed by the implementation date 180 days later, which is when plastic bags would no longer be used and paper bags could be used provided that they meet certain requirements.

Source: <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/doylestown/single-use-plastic-bag-ordinance-moves-forward-doylestown>