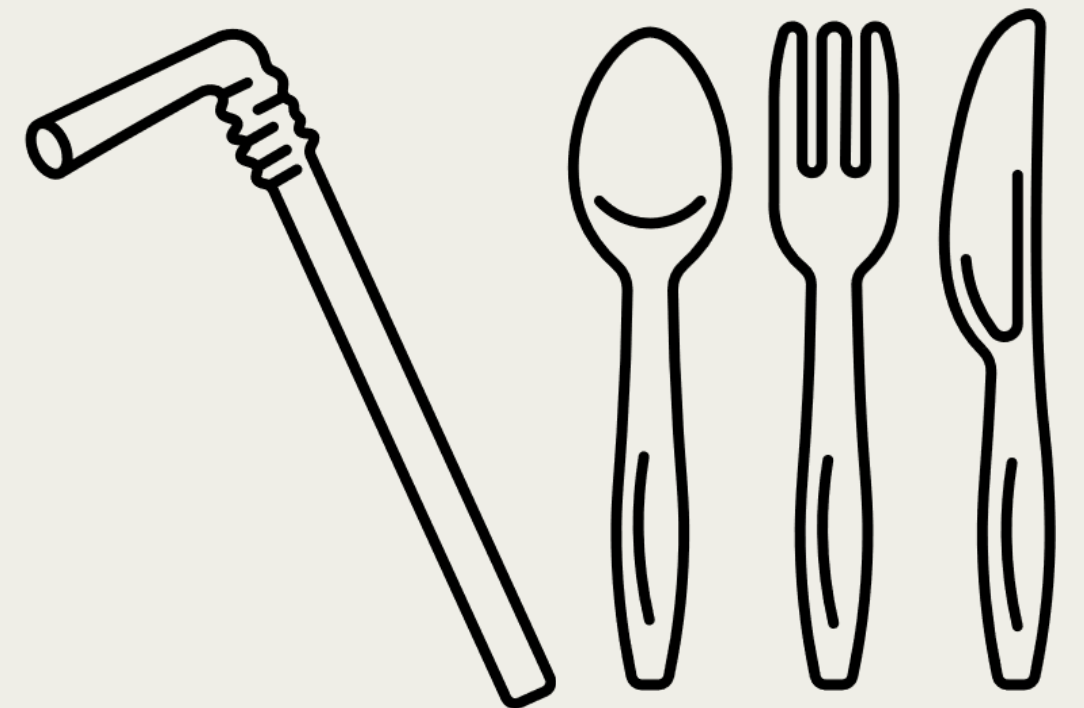


Single-Use Plastics

COUNTY OF MONTEREY - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BUREAU



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Single Use Plastic Ordinance - AB 1276

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AB 1276 addresses single-use food ware accessories and standard condiments

- Adopted by the State in 2021
- Prohibits a food facility from providing any single-use food ware accessory or standard condiment to a consumer unless requested by the consumer
- Prohibits those items from being bundled or packaged
- Requires all cities, counties, or city and county, on or before June 1, 2022, to authorize an enforcement agency to enforce these requirements

ACTION STEPS

- Draft Ordinance
- Outreach to Stakeholders: Food and Hotel Industry
- Informational Flyers
- Survey
- Coordination with Food Safety Advisory Council and Monterey County Hospitality Association

2020 STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS

Question	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Total responses
How strongly do you agree with Monterey County adopting a single-use plastics ordinance?	70.07%	9.86%	2.38%	3.74%	13.95%	294
How strongly do you agree that single-use plastics negatively impact the health and safety of residents and significantly harm the environment in Monterey County?	74.49%	10.20%	2.38%	4.42%	8.50%	294
How strongly do you agree that food service establishments should provide alternatives to plastic utensils and to-go containers?	75.85%	7.82%	2.04%	4.76%	9.52%	294
How strongly do you agree that single-use plastics significantly contribute to littering in Monterey County?	74.83%	7.14%	4.76%	3.74%	9.52%	294

RECORDKEEPING

- Purchase and sale records kept one year
- Available upon inspection

EXEMPTIONS

- Emergency exemptions
- Facility exemptions
 1. Correctional institutions
 2. Health care facilities
 3. Residential care facilities
 4. Schools

IMPACT

- Supports goal of waste reduction
- Potential savings for food providers
- Similar to County's Polystyrene Foam Food Packaging restrictions
- Businesses will be able to use up current stock
- Price difference – If choosing to switch to reusable or compostable (not required)
- Noncompliance

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COMMMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU