

Did you know the Town now prohibits Styrofoam takeout foodware containers?

- Effective January 1, 2024, the Town of Mammoth Lakes prohibits takeout foodware containers made from expanded polystyrene (EPS) - commonly known as Styrofoam – pursuant to Municipal Code 8.15.020-8.15.030.
- Banned items include EPS foodware items used for containing, serving, or consuming prepared food, including cups, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, and boxes. These items are usually labeled as plastic #6.
- The ban applies to all food service providers including any restaurant, grocery store, convenience store, cafeteria, farmers market vendor, mobile food vendor, or catering operation that provides or sells prepared food or beverages on or off its premises within the Town. It also applies to hotels, motels, and bed and breakfasts that provide prepared food, regardless of whether the prepared food is complementary or available for purchase by the consumer and special event operators that require approval of a special event permit from the Town or anyone leasing a Town facility for an event.
- If you believe that complying with the EPS ban would create an undue hardship or practical difficulty for your business, you may apply for an exemption of up to one year by emailing the Town Manager's Office at pkobylarz@ townofmammothlakes.ca.gov, explaining the reason(s) for your request. Any hardship exemption granted will expire on or before December 31, 2024.
- For questions, please contact Kendra Knight, Mammoth Disposal Sustainability Coordinator, at 760-934-2201.