



Sustainability in Action

## SB 54: EPS Food Ware Packaging Banned in California

Senate Bill ("SB") 54 requires all covered plastic materials to meet higher recycling rates, tiered by date, and requires all covered material to be recyclable or compostable by 2032. Producers of covered material are required to **reduce single-use plastic packaging and foodservice packaging by at least 25% by 2032**, either from direct elimination of plastic packaging or shifting to reuse or refill systems. In addition to requiring that all single-use packaging be recyclable or compostable, the bill also requires that all **plastic single-use packaging items reach a recycling rate of at least 65% by 2032**.

### Covered material includes:

- **All single-use packaging:** Includes plastic, paper, paperboard, metal, glass, multi-layer materials, etc. (*definition is material neutral*)
- **Plastic single-use foodware:** Cups, lids, straws, cutlery, stirrers, lidded containers, trays, plates, clamshells, food wrap, and wrappers

### Expanded polystyrene (EPS), commonly called Styrofoam, food service ware has been banned from sale in California.

To continue selling expanded polystyrene (EPS) food service ware in the state, EPS food service ware producers were required by SB 54 to demonstrate that all EPS meets a 25% recycling rate as of January 1, 2025. To date, this requirement has not been met. As a result, **EPS producers are prohibited from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or importing EPS food service ware, like single-use takeout containers and cups, in or into California.** For more information on SB 54, visit [CalRecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr](https://CalRecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr)



## Sorting Is Important!

SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting of organics and recycling by performing route audits and contamination checks. Republic Services employees may be in your area throughout the year inspecting your containers and checking for proper sorting. They may leave an educational "OOPS" tag if something should have gone into a different container.

### Here are a few reminders to help with proper sorting:

- **Leave recycling LOOSE** or in clear bags (*ex: for shredded paper*).
- Expanded Polystyrene (EPS), commonly called Styrofoam, plastic strapping, disposable gloves, and all plastic utensils (even those labeled compostable) are trash.
- **Lids must close on containers.** Overage fees are charged if the container's lid does not close. Flatten cardboard and large items to make efficient use of space in your containers.
- **Do not use plastic bags or "to-go" containers to dispose of organics.** Organic waste, including food waste, should be loose (no bags) or in paper or BPI-Certified compostable bags (marked "Compostable: BPI-Meets ASTM 6400 Standard").



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Sign up for the **Antioch Resource Recovery Ambassadors Training Program** to learn correct sorting of discards to reduce waste, recycle more and help fight climate change! Those who complete the 4 hours of training are eligible to receive a \$75 stipend. This program is partially funded by a grant from CalRecycle. Scan the QR code or call **925.779.6137** to learn more.

\* Please post to share with employees, tenants, and customers!

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