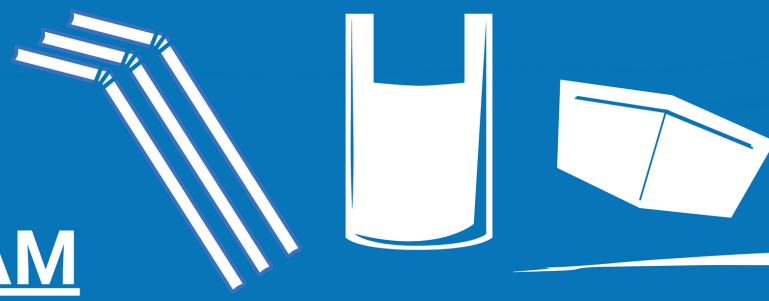


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SINGLE-USE ITEM REGULATIONS TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

WHAT'S NEW

Polystyrene foam takeaway containers banned! Starting April 14th, 2021, businesses in Tofino and Ucluelet will no longer be able to provide customers with polystyrene takeaway containers, in addition to single-use plastic straws and checkout bags. These bylaws intend to reduce single-use plastic waste in our communities, landfill, and marine environment well as mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions associated with plastic production and usage.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- ✓ Dine-in when possible and avoid takeaway packaging.
- ✓ If ordering takeaway, request no plastic bags, cutlery, napkins as well as sauce packets and ramekins. Use what you have at home to reduce this extra waste!
- ✓ If ordering takeout, ensure you compost sugarcane takeaway containers and recycle recyclable containers. Remember, pizza boxes cannot be recycled!
- ✓ BYO reusable containers for bulk shopping at food and product retail businesses.
- ✓ Bring your reusables with you wherever you go: bottles, mugs, bags, cutlery, and straws if needed.
- ✓ Do a #5minutebeachclean every time you take a sandy stroll and log your data on the Marine Debris Tracker app under Surfrider Foundation Canada's profile!
- ✓ Encourage positive behaviours in others but avoid stigmatizing individuals as some people require plastic straws for accessibility reasons. Additionally, people's ability to participate in pro-environmental behaviours is circumstantial and thus participation looks different for everyone.

The plastics crisis extends beyond foam containers, bags, and straws. We need to work together as a community to add more single-use plastic items to these regulations. By Rising Above Plastics in our daily lives, we can collectively work towards the creation of a single-use-plastic-free Ocean Friendly Corridor between Tofino and Ucluelet!

To learn more, visit
pacificrim.surfrider.org
www.tofino.ca/plastics

<https://ucluelet.ca/community/sustainability-climate-action/single-use-plastics>

