

Provincial Phase Out of Single-Use and Plastic Items

December 20, 2023

PROHIBITED



Plastic utensils*

AVAILABLE BY REQUEST



Wooden utensils



Drink cup lids and sleeves



Straws



Condiments



Napkins and wet wipes



Garnishes (e.g., plastic sushi grass, drink umbrellas)

July 15, 2024

PROHIBITED



Plastic shopping bags
(new reusable and paper bags have minimum fees)



Food service ware
(excludes polystyrene foam trays for raw proteins only)**



Biodegradable plastic /
PVDC film wrap



All oxo-degradable plastics

RESTRICTED USE



Compostable plastic food
service ware and film wrap

July 1, 2028

PROHIBITED



PVC film wrap

July 1, 2030

PROHIBITED



Polystyrene foam trays
(used for raw proteins)

* Utensils include spoons, forks, knives, chopsticks, stir sticks and drink splash plugs.

** Made of biodegradable plastic, polystyrene foam, PVC or PVDC including bowls, boxes or cartons, cups, containers, plates, platters and trays (excludes polystyrene foam for raw proteins)

Additional information and resources

For more information and resources on BC's Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation: gov.bc.ca/reuse

The regulation supports BC's efforts to prevent single-use and plastic waste, divert more waste from landfills and keep what we do use working for us longer – creating a cleaner, better future for everyone.



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