

## SINGLE-USE & PLASTIC WASTE PREVENTION REGULATION INFO SHEET

The province of British Columbia rolled out the [Single Use & Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation](#) on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The aim of this regulation is to phase out certain hard to recycle single-use plastic items and address waste and pollution in BC.

Regulated Category	Items	Date	Good Alternative	Best Alternative
<b>Disposable Food Service Accessories</b>	Prohibited: Single-use (disposable) plastic utensils	December 20, 2023	Wood-fibre or bamboo  *Choose uncoated wood products where possible	Reusable utensils for on-site dining
	Available by request: Wooden utensils, drink cups and sleeves, straws, condiments, napkins			
<b>Shopping Bags</b>	Prohibited: Single-use plastic bags	December 20, 2023	Paper bag made with at least 50% post-consumer recycled materials	Reusable shopping bag
	Fee required: Reusable and paper bags	July 15, 2024		
<b>Food Service Ware</b>	Prohibited: Single-Use (disposable) food service ware made with hard to recycle plastics such as Styrofoam.	July 15, 2024	Recyclable plastic/aluminum or compostable fibre  *Choose single plastic #1, #5 materials if possible  *Choose unlined, paper/fibre containers	Reusable dishware when dining on-site  Reusable container sharing program for takeouts

<b>Oxo-degradable Plastics</b>	Prohibited: Packaging, or single-use product made partly or completely from oxo-degradable or biodegradable plastics which break down into fragments called microplastics.	July 15, 2024	Recyclable plastic made from a single plastic material (#1, #5)  Unlined paper/fibre containers  Aluminum containers with cardboard lid  *Ask supplier for products that meet Association of Plastic Recyclers Guidelines	Reusable dishware when dining on-site  Reusable container sharing program for takeouts
<b>Exemptions</b>	Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) film wrap	July 1, 2028	Reusable silicone food covers or food bags  Aluminum foil	Beeswax Wraps  Glass or stainless-steel containers with lids
	Polystyrene foam trays for raw proteins	July 1, 2030	Recyclable plastic trays  *Choose trays that are made with recycled materials	Compostable sugarcane bagasse trays  *Ensure no or peelable polythene lining

For more information on the regulation, directory of green businesses in your region, eco-friendly solutions and resources visit [www.bcgreenbusiness.ca](http://www.bcgreenbusiness.ca)