

Why is the City of Saco banning polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®) packaging?

There is no way to recycle polystyrene foam packaging in our area.

Alternatives to polystyrene (Styrofoam®) are readily available.

Who does this ordinance affect?

Food Packagers:

Anyone within Saco who places meat, eggs, bakery products, or other food in packaging materials for the purpose of retail sale of those products

Establishments preparing food:

Restaurants, cafeterias, food trucks, convenience stores, shops, grocery stores, delicatessen s or other vendors located within Saco offering prepared food for retail sale.

What does this mean to affected establishments?

No food packager or retail establishment in Saco shall serve or sell prepared food and no food packager shall package meat, eggs, bakery products or other food in polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®) containers.

The City of Saco shall not use, purchase or otherwise acquire polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®) food or beverage containers.

Parties who contract with the City shall not use polystyrene (Styrofoam®) food or beverage containers at any city facility or on projects within the City that are funded (in whole or in part) by the City.

Retailers may not offer polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®) products such as cups, plates, trays or coolers for sale.

Are there any exemptions?

Yes. The sale and packaging of **raw** seafood is exempt from this ordinance. Cooked seafood is **not** exempt.

When does this ordinance go into effect?

October 19, 2016

What happens if the ordinance is violated?

The first violation in a one year period is a warning.

The second violation in a one year period is a \$250 fine.

Each subsequent violation in a one year period is a \$500 fine.

What should we do with our existing polystyrene product?

We will work with you to transition the use of these products out of your business. There are several paper rigid plastic products that are available for use and that are much more environmentally friendly and recyclable.

If you are unable to use up your existing inventory by December 1, 2016, please contact our office and we will meet with you on site to review and discuss compliance. Please call 207-284-6983.

What alternative products are acceptable to use?

There are a variety of paper rigid plastic products that are available in similar sizes and shapes. They are also easily recyclable and environmentally friendly.

