

Foam Phase-Out



In 2017, the Florence City Council passed Ordinance 12, banning polystyrene foam. As a local business owner, thank you for helping us protect the health of our citizens and marine wildlife and maintain our appeal as a beautiful travel destination. Here are some important facts about the changes.



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What you need to know



What is affected by the ban?

The ordinance prohibits the distribution and sale of polystyrene foam (PSF) containers for food, beverages, bait, and other uses. This means plates, bowls, clamshells, egg cartons, bait tubs, and other containers are banned.

Coolers, ice chests, and trays for raw meat and seafood are still allowed.

When does the ban take effect?

After a 3 month phase-in period, the ban took effect April 1st.

Who promoted these changes?

Over 85% of polled Florence citizens supported banning PSF in favor of better alternatives.

What packaging options are allowed?

Paper packaging is a smart alternative for many products, and some paper or cardboard options are recyclable or compostable.

Non-foam plastic is still allowed, but remember that most plastic is currently non-recyclable.

Please contact your supplier for new container options, or try the following distributors:

- Sysco (Sysco.com)
- Food Services of America (FSAfood.com)
- Cash and Carry (SmartFoodService.com)

For more information, visit: <http://www.ci.florence.or.us/bc-emas/polystyrene-phase-out-information>