



Coming January 1, 2023:

# A GREENER ACTON

The Polystyrene and Disposable Plastic Reduction Bylaw goes into effect!

## WHAT WILL CHANGE ON JANUARY 1?

- Food and retail establishments may not use or sell polystyrene (typically #6) food service ware items (e.g., cups, clamshells); packing trays; or cutlery (knives, forks, or spoons).
- Food establishments may distribute non-plastic straws, stirrers, splash sticks, or chopsticks only on customer request.
- Retail stores may sell disposable plastic straws, stirrers, splash sticks, or chopsticks only if alternatives (made from paper, wood, cornstarch, etc.) are available, clearly labeled, and displayed nearby so consumers can choose.
- Retail stores may not use or sell foam packing materials and products, such as coolers and pool noodles, made of unencapsulated polystyrene foam.



NON-POLYSTYRENE CUTLERY,  
NON-PLASTIC STRAWS +  
WOODEN CHOPSTICKS  
available on request  
or by self-service



For more info, see the FAQ:

**Understanding Acton's Polystyrene Ban**

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