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SINGLE-USE ITEM REGULATIONS

TIPS FOR STAFF

WHAT'S NEW

Polystyrene foam takeaway containers banned! Starting April 14th, 2021, businesses in Tofino and Ucluelet cannot provide customers with polystyrene takeaway containers, in addition to single-use plastic straws and checkout bags. Please see the bylaws for amendments made regarding accessibility and plastic straws for people who require them. These bylaws intend to reduce single-use plastic waste in our communities, landfill, and marine environment, as well as mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions associated with plastic production and usage.

WHAT STAFF NEED TO KNOW

1. **If dine-in is offered, assume this as the default for food consumption.** If there's no dine-in or dine-in has reached full capacity, staff are encouraged to ask whether cutlery, napkins, or other "extras" are required instead of automatically including them in takeaway orders.
2. **Remind guests to live like a local and use reusables!** Encourage people to bring their own reusable mugs, cutlery, bags, and water bottles for takeaway goods. Reusable containers can also be accepted by businesses that offer bulk shopping. Ensure discounts are applied for reusable vessels if your workplace offers this.
3. **If guests request takeaway, provide a takeaway container that is locally compostable,** such as sugarcane containers. Inform the guest to compost these containers so they are kept out of the landfill.
4. **Remember why this is important:** we are faced with a plastics crisis that is polluting terrestrial and marine ecosystems as well as threatening biodiversity, food security, perpetuating environmental racism while exacerbating the climate crisis. We need dramatic action to turn the tide on plastics, and your assistance will support this!
5. **Help people find out more information** by instructing them to visit the websites listed below!

To learn more, visit
pacificrim.surfrider.org
www.tofino.ca/plastics

<https://ucluelet.ca/community/sustainability-climate-action/single-use-plastics>

