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## EXAMPLES OF SINGLE-USE FOAM PACKAGING THAT CANNOT BE SOLD OR USED *\*visit environment.mypgc.us/foamfree for exemption information*

Food Containers



Plates



Hot and Cold Beverage Cups



### WHY THE BAN?

To reduce the amount of polystyrene waste entering the landfill and littering our roadways, neighborhoods and local waterways, the County is requiring the use of non-foam food packaging products that are environmentally-friendly.



### WHICH BUSINESSES ARE AFFECTED?

- Full and limited-service restaurants
- Fast food restaurants
- Cafés and delicatessens
- Cafeterias
- Coffee shops
- Convenience stores
- Discount stores
- Dollar Stores
- Supermarkets and grocery stores
- Food carts or trucks
- Pack and ship stores
- Retailers and wholesalers selling disposable dishware, storage containers, packing materials and polystyrene products

### WHAT CAN BE USED OR SOLD?

There are many non-foam food packaging alternatives. Some examples include recyclable and compostable containers that are rigid plastic or paper-based. Visit [environment.mypgc.us](http://environment.mypgc.us) to view a list of vendors that offer comparable products or contact CountyClick at 3-1-1.

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