

Local Suppliers of Environmentally Acceptable Food Packaging:

Better Brand Food Products, Inc.

Watsonville
831.724.7243
betterbrandfoods.com

Coast Paper & Supply, Inc.

Santa Cruz
831.423.3350
coastpapersupplyinc.com

Costco Wholesale

Santa Cruz
831.469.0961
costco.com

Ledyard

Santa Cruz
831.465.3272
performancefoodservice.com/ledyard

Passion Purveyors

Santa Cruz
831.383.9215
passionpurveyors.com

Local Party Rentals for Reusable Service Ware:

A Festive Affair

Santa Cruz
831.425.1535
afestiveaffair.com

Alexis Party Rental

Santa Cruz
831.458.6080
alexispartyrental.com

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Special Events
Conditions of Use for:
Environmentally Acceptable
Food Service Ware,
Packaging and Bags



City ordinances require acceptable food service ware, packaging and carryout bags.

The Environmentally Acceptable Packaging and Products Ordinance stipulates:

- Food providers within the City of Santa Cruz may not provide food in disposable food service ware containing polystyrene/plastic foam.
- Food providers within the City of Santa Cruz must use to-go food service ware that is biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable in the City's recycling program.
- The use of plastic cutlery and lids is allowed until the City of Santa Cruz implements a municipal food scrap collection program.
- Vendors may not sell products or merchandise containing polystyrene/plastic foam that is not wholly encapsulated by a more durable material.



The Single-Use Bag Reduction Ordinance stipulates:

- Plastic carryout bags may not be provided by special event promoters or vendors.

These ordinances are mandatory. Fines will be levied for non-compliance.

Copies of the full ordinances are available at:
cityofsantacruz.com/polystyrene
cityofsantacruz.com/bags

Green Your Event!

Plan ahead to make your event even more special:

Use reusable, biodegradable, compostable or recyclable food service ware and containers for the food and drinks at your special event. Choose cutlery products made of plant starch or bamboo. Avoid using straws at your event. If straws are needed, choose paper straws.

How it works: All special events must comply. Event promoters should use products that are:

- **Reusable** (dishes, glassware, or metal cutlery)
- **Biodegradable** (plant-starch containers and cutlery)
- **Compostable** (paper plates, cups, napkins and paper straws)
- **Recyclable** (aluminum cans and foil, glass or plastic beverage bottles)

People talk! People notice and thank you for using products that protect the environment.

Protect the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary! It's home to 33 species of mammals, 94 species of seabirds, 345 species of fish, and contains the largest kelp forest in the nation!

At the event:

Clearly mark your containers for "recycling" and "garbage." The "recycling" bin is for aluminum cans, clean foil, glass bottles, plastic bottles, cardboard and plastic bags, that are bagged and tied. Everything else goes in the "garbage" bin including all food waste and all biodegradable and compostable plates, cups, napkins, and cutlery. It is helpful to have signs on your containers and a monitor standing by to provide assistance.

