

Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County

Jurisdiction	Single-use Carryout Bag Ordinance	Join San Mateo EIR Process	EPS Ordinance	Internal EPS Policy	EPR Reso Adopted	Pharma Ordinance Passed	Notes	Website	Last Updated
Campbell	Adopted 7/16/13; Effective 1/27/14	Yes	City will consider Ordinance in November 2014	yes		5/12/15			10/14/2014
Cupertino	Adopted 3/5/13; Effective 10/1/13	Yes	EPS ban takes effect July 1, 2014 without a hardship exemption.	Yes	2/4/08	5/12/15	Cupertino participated in José's Initial Study which resulted in a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Draft EPS Ordinance to City Council 1-7-14, with an anticipated effective date of 7-	www.cupertino.org/index.aspx?page=1146 www.cupertino.org/replacefoam	10/14/2014
Gilroy	Sept 2011 - adopted reso to discourage retailers from providing bags and encouraging residents to use reusable bags when shopping	No	Sept. 2011 - adopted reso to discourage food establishments from using EPS			5/12/15			6/2/2015
Los Altos	Adopted 3/12/13; Effective 7/4/13	Yes	Ordinance passed and went into effect July 4, 2014. Various outreach methods were used to notify effected businesses and the public. Ordinance includes public events, ice chests and retail stores.		Adopted Resolution No. 2013-37 on December 10, 2013.	5/12/15	The City of Los Altos participated in the City of San Jose's Initial Study of the EPS ban which resulted in a Negative Declaration.	http://los-altos.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=739&meta_id=36236	10/27/2014
Los Altos Hills	A resident informed that the only commercial facility in Los Altos Hills is Foothill Community College. The campus bookstore voluntarily stopped using plastic bags several years ago and has canvas totes for sale.		Pacific Dining, the cafeteria vendor at Foothill College, was chosen last year in part because of their commitment to sustainability. No EPS, all packaging is compostable. Vendor sources local foods to reduce ghg emissions.			5/12/15			5/8/2013
Los Gatos	Adopted 9/3/13; Effective 2/3/14	Yes	Adopted 12/16/14; Effective 6/1/15. Town participated in San Jose EIR.	Yes	5/14/08			www.LosGatosCA.gov/ReusableBags www.LosGatosCA.gov/EPS	5/27/2015
Milpitas	Council will consider an ordinance September 1, 2015	Yes	Recycling & Source Reduction Advisory Commission recommended a ban 4/26/11. At its 4/17/12 meeting, City Council took no action re: participation in regional polystyrene efforts. October 2014, Staff has not taken a proposed ordinance to Council.	Not yet		5/12/15			5/26/2015
Monte Sereno	Not applicable	N/A	Wait and see		5/6/08	5/12/15			10/16/2013
Morgan Hill	Introduced to the City Council on October 2, 2013; second reading November 6, 2013; effective Earth Day - 4/22/2014	No	Introduced to the City Council on October 2, 2013; second reading November 6, 2013; effective Earth Day - 4/22/2014	Yes	9/20/06	5/12/15			6/2/2015
Mountain View	Adopted 12/11/12; Effective 4/22/13.	Yes	Adopted 12/11/13. Effective 7/1/14. (City participated in San Jose EIR.)	Yes (pending CMgr signature 10/14/14)	10/14/08	5/12/15		www.MVrecycle.org	10/15/2014
Palo Alto	Adopted 3/30/09; Effective 9/18/09; Expanded to all retailers effective 7/1/13; and then to food service establishments 11/1/13	No	Adopted 5/11/09; Effective 4/22/10; In 2013, staff will explore expanding the ban to include all sales of expanded foam products (e.g., cups, coolers, plates, packaging materials) and prohibit services such as hotels and nail salons from using foam foodware in Palo Alto.	Yes	12/14/09	5/12/15	Former settlement with STPBC requires PA do their own EIR	www.cityofpaloalto.org/bags www.cityofpaloalto.org/plastics	10/15/2014

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San Jose	Adopted 12/14/10; Effective 1/1/2012	No	Adopted 9/10/13; Effective 1/1/14 for chains with restaurants in CA and at least one one restaurant outside the state; Effective 1/1/15 for all other restaurants.	Yes		5/12/15		EPS: http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=2320 Bag Ordinance: http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1526	5/26/2015
Santa Clara	Effective December 1, 2014	No	EPS ordinance became effective for national food service vendors on September 1, 2014 and will extend to others on January 1, 2015.	No	11/24/09	5/12/15	Reso # 09-7677		10/14/2014
Saratoga	Wait and see		Wait and see	Yes		5/12/15			10/14/2014
Sunnyvale	Ordinance adopted 12/6/2011, effective 6/20/12 for large retailers. Extended to cover all retailers as of 3/20/13. Effective 9/26/13: revised to include fee for paper AND reusable bags, clarified definition of reusable, no increase to 25 cents in 2014, with bag charge now indexed to CPI, and no quarterly reporting of bag sales required (records maintained and producible).	No	Ordinance adopted 11/19/2013. Banned "food provider" use of EPS foam food and beverage containers as of April 22, 2014. Banned retail sales of EPS food and beverage containers as of April 22, 2015.	Yes	6/10/08	5/12/15		EPS: http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Portals/0/Sunnyvale/ESD/Events%20Documents/3005-13.pdf Revised Bag Ordinance: http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Portals/0/Sunnyvale/ESD/Recycling/PlasticBag/3001-13%20Plastic%20Bag%20Ordinance.pdf www.reducewaste.org	5/26/2015
Unincorporated SCVWD	Passed 5/10/11; Effective 1/1/12 Support	No	Passed 5/8/2012; Effective 2/1/13 Adopted 10/25/11 Pass the resolution banning the purchase of expanded polystyrene foam (EPS foam) food service ware with District funds and banning the use of EPS foam food service ware at District events. Support city/county ordinances.	Yes Yes	4/5/07	5/12/15	Combined EPS compliance at Internal policy to prohibit purchase of EPS food/bev containers with District funds and prohibit at District facilities		10/14/2015 8/8/2013

Note: Palo Alto launched and partnered with Sunnyvale and San Jose on a Supply Chain Plastic Reduction Project targeting the reduction of plastic foam and other packaging reduction efforts. The finalized language and vendor letter have been distributed to all jurisdictions for their use.