

WASTE REDUCTION REGULATIONS 101



CITY OF
BURBANK



WASTE REDUCTION
ORDINANCE
ARTICLE 4-2-407

On March 15th, 2024, the City of Burbank adopted a Waste Reduction Ordinance, which updates Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Burbank Municipal Code. The purpose of the Ordinance, which takes effect in phases starting July 1st, 2024, is to protect the environment and the health, safety, and welfare of the public by reducing harmful and excessive waste in restaurants and City facilities:

- + **Beginning July 1, 2024**, no person or business shall sell or distribute polystyrene foodware.
- + **Beginning January 1, 2026**, dine-in customers shall only be served using reusable foodware.

Additionally, food facilities and retail establishments may no longer distribute to customers single-use foodware that is not either compostable or recyclable. All foodware accessories must be “upon request only.”

In summary, the City’s Waste Reduction Ordinance requires businesses to **provide dine-in customers with reusable foodware**, and **to-go customers must request single-use foodware, which must be compostable or recyclable.**

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