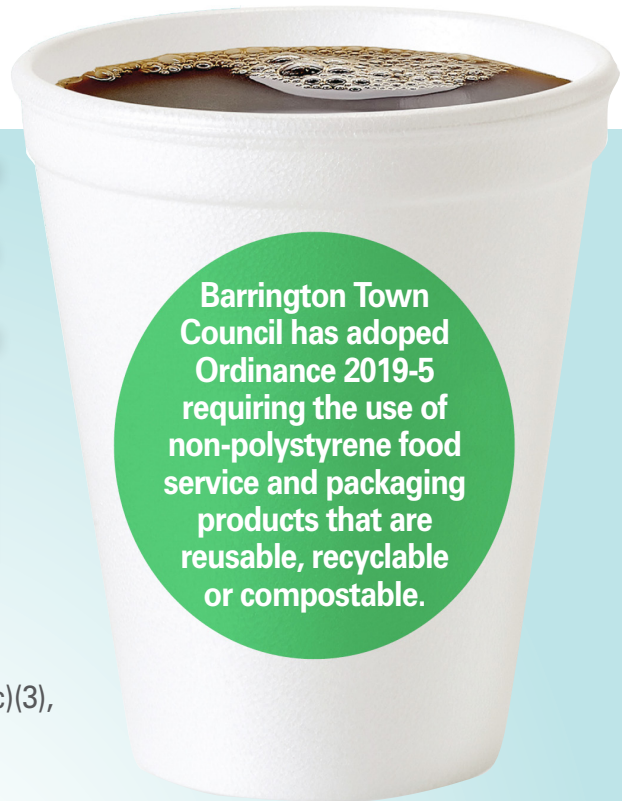


# TOWN OF BARRINGTON

# POLYSTYRENE BAN

## WHO IS AFFECTED

- Food and retail establishments including caterers and food trucks
- Barrington facilities, operations, and Town-sponsored and permitted events
- Schools and daycare providers (public and private)
- Packing material (selling, offering and distributing for sale or compensation, donating used packing materials under subsection (c)(3), re-using/repackaging, and receiving shipments within the town)
- Clubs, organizations and non-profits serving food on premises



## WHY BAN POLYSTYRENE?

*To improve the environment in Barrington and the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. Polystyrene is not easily recycled and when littered or discarded, creates undesirable impacts on water quality, stormwater, and wildlife. There are alternatives that are reusable, recyclable or compostable which are already on the market and readily available.*

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

All polystyrene food and beverage containers, cups, bowls, cartons, plates, trays, coolers, ice chests, lids, straws, stirrers, forks, knives, spoons and other single use items. These items are usually labeled with a recycling code Expanded Polystyrene (EP)



## WHEN TO COMPLY

Effective no later than **July 1, 2019** for all retail establishments

Effective no later than **January 1, 2020** for all others

## EXEMPTIONS

- Sale of goods packaged outside of Town/not repackaged within Town
- To comply with the American Disabilities Act, food establishments who use straws are required to make them available to aid in drinking
- Exemption requests approved by the Town Manager

## ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS

Written notice issued by Town • 14 days to correct

1st offense: No fine\* | 2nd offense: \$150 fine\* | 3rd offense: \$300 fine\*

**\*Failure to comply within 14 days subject to additional fines**

## ALTERNATIVES

Contact your supplier or distributor about alternatives to polystyrene



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.barrington.ri.gov/topics/polyban.php](http://www.barrington.ri.gov/topics/polyban.php)