

These local suppliers can help you make the transition

Costco Continues to expand their line of biodegradable products. They have paper plates, napkins, cups and clamshells.
220 Sylvania Ave 831.469.0961

Passion Purveyors Is a green goods distributor who can help you transition from plastic to biodegradable products. Their innovative marketing system brings positive recognition and an increased customer base. Free local delivery, no minimum order.
www.passionpurveyors.com 831.383.9215

Ledyard's Has a full line of Taterware, biodegradable cutlery, and aluminum trays.
831.465.3272

Festive Affair Offers party rental products such as glass, china, flatware, linen, tables and chairs—and they do all the cleaning! A \$5 environmental fee assures that these items are cleaned using green products.
911 Water Street 831.425-1535

Coast Paper & Supply Offers compostable and biodegradable products including Taterware, cups, plates, clamshells, and napkins. .
151 Josephine St. 831.423.3350

Better Brands
Leslie Imlay 831.724.7243



Think how good that food will taste when you have your customers *and* the environment in mind!



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Special Events



**Environmentally Acceptable
Food Packaging Ordinance
Conditions of Use**

Are you in compliance?



We can help!

**The City of Santa Cruz
will help you meet the requirements!
420-5424**



Green your event!



- NOTICE - **The Environmentally Acceptable Food Packaging Ordinance is now in effect**

The ordinance stipulates the following:

✓ All Special event promoters offering food or beverages shall provide containers that are reusable, biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable. This includes concerts, festivals, foot races, parades, weddings, and sporting events.

✓ All Special events held in the City of Santa Cruz may not provide food in disposable food service containers containing polystyrene foam (Styrofoam). ***There are no exemptions allowing the use of Styrofoam containers.***

- CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ORDINANCE 6.48

This ordinance is mandatory.

Failure to comply will result in fines and forfeiture of holding future events in the City

A full copy of the ordinance is available at:

www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us
search "polystyrene ordinance."

✓ **Styrofoam and food-contaminated plastics are not recyclable.** Once discarded these materials persist in our environment for years. They are made from petroleum, a non-renewable and heavily polluting resource.

✓ **Help our Wildlife!** The California Coastal Commission estimates that more than one million seabirds, 100,000 marine mammals, and countless fish die each year from marine debris.

Make yours a "Special" Event: Holding your special event in Santa Cruz means that you recognize what a special place this is, so let's keep it that way! By using reusable, biodegradable, compostable or recyclable containers for your food and drinks, helps protect our marine environment. Using glass, aluminum, paper, rice or corn containers for your food or drinks will help keep our coastlines clean and our sanctuary healthy.

How does it work? All special events such as weddings, concerts, festivals, foot races, parades, sporting events, etc., must comply. Rather than using plastic, or Styrofoam products, event promoters should use products that are: reusable (such as glass goblets or metal cutlery), degradable (such as potato starch cutlery), compostable (such as paper plates, cups or napkins) or, recyclable (such as aluminum foil or cans). Water bottles and soda cans are allowable.

People Talk!—People will thank you for using biodegradable products. Plates, clamshells and cups are now made from rice or sugar-cane bi-products that are safe for the environment. New cutlery products such as Taterware are made from potato starch and vegetable oil! They are available locally and are cost effective!

Just listen to the comments when you do the right thing!



New biodegradable products are attractive and your customers will thank you for using them!

At the Event: Clearly mark collection containers. Bottles and cans should be collected in blue recycling carts marked "bottles & cans." ***All biodegradable food packaging material should be deposited into garbage containers!*** The City of Santa Cruz is developing a food waste program (which will accept all of the biodegradable products) in the near future. Meanwhile, special events and other food service providers will help to lessen the amount of plastics ending up in our environment.

Clearly mark your garbage cans "food, plates, cups, cutlery, etc., go here!"



The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary is home for at least 33 mammals, 94 species of seabirds, 345 species of fish, and contains the largest kelp forest in the nation.