

Three steps to A Plastic-Free Encinitas

We're creating
a local solution to
a global problem.

Single-use plastics and foam products are polluting our oceans, harming fish and wildlife. These pollutants are entering our food chain and affecting our health! 91% of plastic isn't recycled.*



The City of Encinitas has identified plastic pollution as an environmental concern. It's the number one source of debris found at our local beaches during volunteer clean-ups! Plastic bottles, caps, straws, and utensils are polluting our waterways and beaches – and threatening our valuable local resources. Through a comprehensive plastics reduction initiative, proposed measures to eliminate this waste are being incorporated into a draft ordinance for future consideration by City Council.

1 Plastic Straws and Utensils

Distribution of Plastic Straws and Utensils:

- Upon request or upon offer by the food provider only – including fast food and takeout.
- Phased prohibition on the distribution of plastic straws.



2 Plastic Beverage Containers (at City facilities & events)

Prohibit distribution and sales:

- Plastic bottled beverages (less than 1 liter in size) on City property and at City-sponsored events



3 Expanded Polystyrene (a.k.a. Foam or EPS)

Prohibit distribution and sales:

- Food service ware
- Egg cartons and food trays
- Products not encased in hard plastic
 - Examples include coolers, ice chests, or similar containers



Learn more about the City's efforts to reduce plastic pollution: www.encinitasca.gov/plastics-initiative

*According to National Geographic: <https://bit.ly/2B7Lcx0>