



# Subcommittee Report

PRESENTED FOR COMMISSION MEETING DATE: September 21, 2021

SUBMITTED BY: Patrick Tallarico

SUBCOMMITTEE NAME: Standing Subcommittee on Waste Reduction (SSCoWR)

SUBMITTED DATE: September 14, 2021

LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: September 9, 2021

NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATE: October 7, 2021

## Subcommittee Goal:

Divert 90% of waste generated by the City of Palm Springs from landfill by 2030.

## Summary:

### 1. Reducing Single-use Plastic Food Ware and Plastic Straws by Food Service Establishments.

- A “Foodware Forward for a Waste Wise Future” logo, fact sheet and exemption form has been developed as part of the outreach and education efforts for the Food Ware ordinance.
- An RFP for businesses to bid on the technical support for the Food Ware Ordinance was released and six (6) vendors responded. City staff reviewed and scored the proposals and will make an award by the end of the month.
- City staff and the Palm Springs Chamber will host a webinar in mid-October with food vendors as part of the outreach and education efforts for the Food Ware ordinance. This meeting will also cover food waste management requirements.
- City staff has continued working on creating an RFP for businesses provide a Reusable Food Ware Service program where reusable containers are provided to businesses on a weekly basis and customers can return to a self-serve kiosk where they are picked-up, cleaned and returned to the business for the next cycle. Staff anticipates the RFP being released at the end of September 2021.
- City staff will work with the Cultural Center on their food ware program. The Cultural Center has also stated they would like to make the Farmer’s Market a Zero Waste weekly event. City staff plans to participate in the first outdoor market event on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 2. Battery Recycling Project

- Staff have collected and shipped ten (10) containers of batteries (approximately 350 pounds) since the last report.

### 3. Toward a Public Spaces Recycling Program for the City of Palm Springs.

- City staff is in the process of creating revised educational signage to include the Ø symbol back onto the signage for the used beverage cups.
- Maintenance staff that Sustainability staff was coordinating with to address changes in parks has been out on an extended medical absence for several months.

### 4. Outreach

- Staff is continuing to work on outreach material for residents on recycling.

### 5. Non-compliance with Commercial Recycling and Organics Requirements

- City staff and PSDS has performed several in-person visits to businesses who have been previously unresponsive to organics and recycling management. As a result, the compliance rates for AB 1826 and AB 341 have increased, but there are still numerous facilities that need to be contacted.
- The City is also preparing materials for food vendors that includes information on the new food ware ordinance

and on mandatory recycling requirements.

6. Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

- Nothing to report.

7. SB 1383 Planning

- Under SB 1383, the City is required to provide organics collection service to all City residents and businesses, including residents of multi-family properties. City staff and PSDS will be hosting an educational webinar for owners and managers of HOA's and Multi-family residences on September 23, 2021 from 2 PM to 3 PM about the changes to waste management requirements that will take effect in January of 2022. The City is focusing on HOAs and Multi-family residential properties because of their unique and varied space and collection parameters and because the requirement to collect food waste from these properties (in addition to green waste and recycling) is new as part of SB 1383. Attendees are required to register in advance at <https://bit.ly/MForganics>. The webinar will be recorded and posted online as an educational resource.
- The City continues to have discussions with Palm Springs Disposal about the updates needed to the Franchise Agreement to incorporate SB 1383 requirements. The goal is to present the scope of the updated Franchise Agreement to Council by the end of September. This will be an opportunity for Council to provide input on the scope prior to finalizing the rates for this new scope of services.
- As part of the solicitation for support for the food ware ordinance, the City will also be able to access technical support to assist businesses with SB 1383 compliance.

8. Community Composting

- City staff met with the Desert Community Compost Coalition (DCCC) and Councilmember Garner on September 7<sup>th</sup> and performed a site visit at a possible location for composting. City staff was asked to follow up on several questions related to potential implementation and will provide additional information to Coalition members. The Coalition has also identified a site in Palm Desert at the UCR Campus to begin operations in the area.

9. Sustainability Scholarships

- The second round of the Sustainability Scholarship program began on July 1, 2021 and focuses on assisting food vendors with compliance of the Food Ware Ordinance. No applications were received related to this topic to date.

10. Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Taste of Palm Springs – September 22nd

- City staff will have a booth at the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Taste of Palm Springs on September 22, 2021 at the Indian Canyons Golf Resort from 5 PM to 9 PM. Staff have assembled Food Ware Ordinance outreach and education packets for food vendors attending the event. Staff will also have materials onsite about the various programs the Office of Sustainability supports.

11. Shredding and E-waste Collection Event – October 16th

- The City will be hosting the next shredding and e-waste recycling event on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> between 8 AM and 12 PM at City Hall.

12. Bulky Items Collection Event – October 23rd

- Palm Spring Disposal Services will be hosting a bulky items collection event on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> between 8 AM and 2 PM at City Hall.

**Recommendation/Request**

Subcommittee members will continue to conduct research and refine products to improve recycling rates and report on progress at future Commission meetings.

**ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO COMMISSION**

None

**ACTION ITEMS REQUEST TO OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY**

Continue Franchise Agreement discussions with PSDS.

	<p>Continue communications with DCCC on possible locations for community composting.</p> <p>Continue following up with businesses who are not in compliance with recycling and organics requirements.</p> <p>Work on SB 1383-related ordinance.</p> <p>Prepare new rates for waste management services.</p> <p>Continue to work with PSDS on rate adjustments.</p>
<b>POTENTIAL FISCAL IMPACT/REQUEST IF ANY:</b>	N/A

**FOOD SERVICE WARE ORDINANCE:** The City of Palm Springs is working to address the growing problem of plastics in our environment created by our disposable culture. Section 5.87 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code (Ordinance 2045) was added to help promote reusable food ware, rethink disposables, and reduce single use plastics to protect people and the planet. The requirements apply to all food vendors such as sit-down restaurants, fast-food restaurants, bars, and hospitality venues.

**Requirements Effective January 1, 2022**

**USE REUSABLES FOR ON-SITE DINING**



Food vendors must use reusable items (metal, ceramic, glass, plastic) for on-site dining:

- Plates/Dishes/Bowls
- Drinking cups
- Coffee cups
- Silverware

If you offer condiments for on-site food consumption, those items must be provided in:

- Reusable containers
- Bulk dispensers
- Non-plastic packaging



**Individual single-use plastic condiment packages are prohibited for on-site use.**

Some non-plastic disposable items are allowed including straws, food wrappers, sleeves and bags, napkins, plate liners, straws and stirrers, and toothpicks used for food preparation.


**PROVIDE ACCESSORIES ONLY WHEN WANTED**

Accessory items such as straws or stirrers used on site and utensils for takeout orders can be provided only when customers want them – upon request or affirmative response when asked – or made available in a self service area. This requirement that accessories be provided only when wanted includes when customers are ordering food through on-line platforms.

**STOP USING CERTAIN SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**



The following are prohibited:

- x Sale, use, and distribution of food ware and accessories made of polystyrene  – foam or rigid forms.
- x Single-use plastic bags for leftovers or takeout food. Recycled paper bags are preferred.
- x Plastic straws or stirrers – unless needed for patrons with disabilities.

All “compostable” bioplastics are considered “plastic” for the purposes of this ordinance.



## Requirements Effective **January 1, 2023**

### USE ONLY FIBER-BASED DISPOSABLE FOOD WARE AND ACCESSORIES



All disposable items must be made of fiber-based compostable material such as paper, sugarcane, bamboo, wood, etc.

The following larger items must be made of CERTIFIED, fiber-based compostable material:

- Plates
- Bowls
- Cups
- Clamshells
- Boxes
- Containers

### Go Beyond...

Use other reusable items such as straws and napkins when possible.

Single use plastic disposable food ware are allowed until January 1, 2023. Choose items that have the best chance of being recycled.

Have information for customers about how to properly manage their disposable items when they get home.

### NEED ASSISTANCE?

*We want to help you succeed!*

The City is providing businesses with \$750 to help them comply with this new ordinance. The money can be used for reusable food ware, polystyrene alternatives, and for other compliant food ware. Please see the program information on our website, [www.yoursustainablecity.com](http://www.yoursustainablecity.com). Additional funds may be available for those that need to make capital improvements to accommodate a dish washer.

The City is also hiring an expert consultant to help you evaluate your processes, provide reuse recommendations, and assist you in identifying appropriate food ware alternatives. These actions will not only help you comply but may also **help you save money!** Please reach out to the Office of Sustainability at 760-323-8248.

### DON'T THINK YOU CAN COMPLY?

The City can issue limited feasibility waivers for businesses in the event that some businesses may have unique items that cannot be substituted or when alternative products or reusables are not feasible. Please reach out to the Office of Sustainability at 760-323-8248 for waiver forms.



**ORDENANZA PARA LOS ARTÍCULOS DE SERVICIO DE ALIMENTOS:** La ciudad de Palm Springs está trabajando para abordar el creciente problema de los plásticos en nuestro medio ambiente creado por nuestra cultura desechable. La Sección 5.87 del Código Municipal de Palm Springs (Ordenanza 2045) se agregó para ayudar a promover los artículos de alimentos reutilizables, reconsiderar los desechables y reducir los plásticos de un solo uso para proteger a las personas y al planeta. Los requisitos se aplican a todos los vendedores de comida, como restaurantes, restaurantes de comida rápida, bares y establecimientos de hostelería.

## Requisitos a partir del 1 de enero de 2022

### USAR REUTILIZABLES PARA CENAR EN EL LOCAL



Los vendedores de alimentos deben usar artículos reutilizables (metal, cerámica, vidrio, plástico) para comer en el local:

- Platos/Vajillas/Tazones
- Vasos para beber
- Tazas de café
- Cubiertos

Si usted ofrece condimentos para el consumo de alimentos en el local, esos artículos deben ser proporcionados en:

- Contenedores reutilizables
- Dispensadores a granel
- Envases no plásticos



Los envases individuales de condimentos de plástico de un solo uso están prohibidos para su uso en el local.

Se permiten algunos artículos desechables no plásticos, incluyendo pajitas, envolturas de alimentos, cubiertas y bolsas, servilletas, forro para platos, agitadores y palillos de dientes utilizados para la preparación de alimentos.


### PROPORCIONAR ACCESORIOS SÓLO CUANDO SE DESEA

Los accesorios como pajitas o agitadores utilizados en el local y los utensilios para pedidos para llevar solo se pueden proporcionar cuando los clientes los desean, a petición o respuesta afirmativa cuando se les pregunta o hacerlos disponibles en un área de autoservicio. Este requisito de que se proporcionarán los accesorios es solo cuando se desea incluye cuando los clientes piden alimentos a través de plataformas en línea.

### DEJE DE USAR CIERTOS PLÁSTICOS DE UN SOLO USO



Quedan prohibidos:

- x Venta, uso y distribución de artículos alimenticios y accesorios hechos de poliestireno  – espuma o formas rígidas.
- x Bolsas de plástico de un solo uso para sobras o comida para llevar. Se prefieren las bolsas de papel reciclado.
- x Pajitas o agitadores de plástico, a menos que sea necesario para los clientes con discapacidades.

Todos los bioplásticos "compostables" se consideran "plásticos" a los efectos de esta ordenanza.





## Requisitos a partir del 1 de enero de 2023

### USE SOLO ARTÍCULOS Y ACCESORIOS DE ALIMENTOS DESECHABLES A BASE DE FIBRA



Todos los artículos desechables deben estar hechos de material compostable a base de fibra como papel, caña de azúcar, bambú, madera, etc.

Los siguientes artículos más grandes deben estar hechos de material compostable CERTIFICADO a base de fibra:

- Platos
- Tazones
- Tazas
- Cajas de cubierta
- Cajas
- Contenedores

### Ir más allá...

Use otros artículos reutilizables como pajitas y servilletas cuando sea posible.

Se permiten alimentos desechables de plástico de un solo uso hasta el 1 de enero de 2023. Elija los artículos que tengan la mejor oportunidad de ser reciclados.

Tener información para los clientes sobre cómo administrar adecuadamente sus artículos desechables cuando lleguen a casa.

### ¿NECESITA AYUDA?

*¡Queremos ayudarte a tener éxito!*

La Ciudad está proporcionando a las empresas \$750 para ayudarles a cumplir con esta nueva ordenanza. El dinero se puede utilizar para artículos de comida reutilizables, alternativas de poliestireno y para otros artículos de comida compatibles. Consulte la información del programa en nuestro sitio web, [www.yoursustainablecity.com](http://www.yoursustainablecity.com). Es posible que haya fondos adicionales disponibles para aquellos que necesiten realizar mejoras de capital para acomodar una lavadora de platos.

La Ciudad también está contratando a un consultor experto para ayudarlo a evaluar sus procesos, proporcionar recomendaciones de reutilización y ayudarlo a identificar alternativas apropiadas de artículos alimenticios. ¡Estas acciones no solo te ayudarán a cumplir, sino que también pueden ayudarte a ahorrar dinero! Comuníquese con la Oficina de Sostenibilidad al 760-323-8248.

### ¿NO CREE QUE PUEDA CUMPLIR?

La Ciudad puede emitir exenciones de viabilidad limitada para los negocios en el caso de que algunos negocios puedan tener artículos únicos que no puedan ser sustituidos o cuando los productos alternativos o reutilizables no sean factibles. Comuníquese con la Oficina de Sustentabilidad al 760-323-8248 para obtener formularios de exención.



**ACCEPTED ITEMS:**

Computers

Monitors

TV's

Phones

Keyboards

Printers

Fax machines

Batteries  
AAA, AA, C, D,  
9 Volt,  
Rechargeable

Microwaves

Small appliances

Documents for  
Shredding

**ITEMS NOT  
ACCEPTED:**

**NO** Tires

**NO** Household  
Hazardous Waste

**NO** Trash

**NO** Car Batteries

**NO** Air  
Conditioning Units

**NO** Heating Units



# Electronic Waste & Shredding RECYCLING EVENT

The City of Palm Springs invites you to this **FREE** event!

**Open to all Palm Springs Residents**

Recycling available on a first come, first served basis or until trucks are full.

**October 16, 2021**

**8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8 AM TO AVOID CREATING TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

**Palm Springs City Hall South Parking Lot  
3200 Tahquitz Canyon Way**

- Enter the drop-off area along El Cielo Drive.
- Please do not block entrances and exits while waiting.
- Collection will run throughout the morning or until trucks are full.
- Limit three normal size file containers of shredding per vehicle. Size of container should be no larger than 9" X 13" X 17".
- All electronic equipment received at the event is dismantled and recycled.
- Any information stored on hard drives or cell phones is destroyed during the processing.
- For more information, call (760) 323-8248

**COVID protocols are mandatory for a contactless process:**

- Please wear a mask
- Stay in your vehicle
- Put materials to be shredded/recycled in your trunk or rear of your vehicle



**Palm Springs Disposal  
Bulky Item Collection event  
October 23rd, 8am-2pm  
at City Hall**

