

Appendix C

Plastic Take-out Food Containers

“Plastic Take-out Food Container” means container which is made of plastic resin (including, but not limited to polystyrene, PET, polypropylene, HDPE, LDPE or any combination thereof) in which food is packaged for customer purchase, on-site and on customer demand, for the purpose of being consumed on or off the premises.

- This includes plastic take-out food containers used to package food for sale to customers at foodservice businesses including delis, cafes, restaurants, grocery stores, vending trucks, vending carts, cafeterias, coffee shops, lunch counters and diners.
- This does not include plastic food containers or clamshells that are packaged offsite and delivered to the food service business, but does include plastic food containers or clamshells that are packaged on-site, within the Toronto, as ordered for delivery by a customer.

“Expanded polystyrene” means blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded foams which are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by any number of techniques including, but not limited to, fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead polystyrene), injection moulding, foam moulding, and extrusion-blow moulding (extruded foam polystyrene).

A plastic take-out food container is not compatible with the City of Toronto recycling program if it is made of at least two different material types, is not made solely of expanded polystyrene, or contains materials that the City of Toronto does not accept in the Blue Bin program, such as biodegradable plastic or compostable plastic.