

BP 6375 SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

References:

- Public Resources Code §§ 42280-42284;
- Public Resources Code §§ 42370-42370.7; and
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

This policy articulates the Marin Community College District’s (MCCD) requirements related to single-use plastics to ensure procurement and contracting activities that comply with the MCCD’s sustainability goals and values.

The Superintendent/President shall establish purchasing practices to eliminate the purchase of single-use plastics including plastic straws, plastic water bottles, and plastic bags. Purchase preference shall be given to reusable products, followed by locally compostable and/or recyclable products. In purchasing goods or contracting for services that could require single-use plastics, stakeholders will work with District staff to assess and select sustainable alternatives.

This policy shall apply to the District’s auxiliary organizations.

The District shall take the following actions no later than January 1, 2022:

- Eliminate plastic straws and cutlery.
- Eliminate single-use plastic carryout bags.
- Eliminate all polystyrene (e.g. STYROFOAM™) food service items.
Eliminate single-use plastic beverage bottles upon contract renewal if existing contract terms prohibit.
- A 25% reduction in single-use plastic beverage bottles purchased and supplied will be achieved annually with a goal to eliminate all single-use plastic beverage bottles no later than December 31, 2023.
- Replace single-use plastic items with materials that are reusable, locally compostable and/or recyclable.

Exceptions to the above are only to be made for complying with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

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