



EMERALD KEEPERS

For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

EMERALD KEEPERS SEEKS TO END THIS ENVIRONMENTAL TRAGEDY



we eat and air we breathe. Moreover, when plastic is incinerated, greenhouse gas is emitted because plastic is made of petrochemicals—in other words, fossil fuels.

DID YOU KNOW?

• **ON WORLD OCEANS DAY**, June 8, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland issued Order 3407, which aims to reduce the procurement, sale, and distribution of single-use plastic products and packaging with a goal of phasing out single-use plastic products on Department-managed lands by 2032.

• **CALIFORNIA** made history this summer with a unanimous, bi-partisan Senate-approved passage of the most aggressive plastics reduction legislation in the country.

By Jan. 1, 2028, at least 30% of

plastic items sold, distributed, or imported into the state must be recyclable, and by 2032, that number rises to 65%. The legislation also demands a 25% reduction in single-use plastic waste by 2032.

In the case of expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam), the reduction needs to reach 25% by 2025. If the goal isn't met, most egregious form of plastic will be banned. To date, 128 California cities have bans on polystyrene.

• **THE CITY OF CARLSBAD** announced a comprehensive ban on single-use plastics in April, joining our neighboring cities with single-use plastic bans already in place:

- Imperial Beach
- San Diego
- Del Mar
- Solana Beach
- Encinitas
- Carlsbad
- San Marcos
- Vista

Watch these important films to learn more about the devastating impacts of plastics:

- *A Plastic Ocean* (Netflix)
- *The Story of Plastics* (Prime Video, Amazon.com)

• **CALIFORNIA AB 619**, known as the “Bring Your Own Bill,” was signed into law in 2019. It ensures the public can bring clean reusable containers to restaurants for take-out.

• **EMERALD KEEPERS** has Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Restaurants. To earn this designation, these Coronado restaurants have agreed to use sustainable practices. For a list, visit our website.

The San Diego Tribune writes, “Nearly every city in the county has taken steps to reduce plastic waste.”

THE QUESTION FOR CORONADO IS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THERE IS NO “AWAY”

When you throw plastic “away,” the durable nature of this human-made substance wreaks havoc on our ecological system. Unlike biodegradable items, plastics don't break down — they **BREAK APART**. These tiny fragments or microplastics have infiltrated our waterways, soils, and food sources, irrevocably impacting wildlife and finding their way into our own bodies through the food



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