

LITTLE OWL SCHOOL'S SINGLE USE PLASTIC AND ZERO WASTE POLICY

To reduce our impact on the Earth's resources and address waste management issues moving forward into the next millennium, Little Owl is committed to diverting our waste from the landfill.

Staff, parents, vendors, and volunteers may not bring any Styrofoam or single-use plastics on site for any reason. These items will not be allowed at Little Owl School. Anyone bringing these items on site will be asked to appropriately dispose of them off site in an environmentally responsible, sustainable manner.

To further clarify, the following items are not allowed:

1. Single use plastic water bottles, cups, straws, plates, utensils, or table coverings. This includes **disposable coffee cups w/ plastic lids and biocompostable plastic, as there are no local facilities to process biocompostables.**
2. Styrofoam "to go" containers, cups, or plates.
3. Plastic grocery bags.

While many plastics can be recycled, the byproducts created from the fabrication and disposal of plastic can be harmful, and the energy used to produce and recycle single use plastics can be conserved through the use of more permanent, sustainable materials. Little Owl School aims to encourage our school and support community to re-think the products we use and consume and learn to live a less disposable lifestyle rather than settling for recycling. Recycling is the last choice—after Reduce and Reuse.

The purpose of this policy is to assure that Little Owl provides a good example to our community through modeling the most environmentally responsible behaviors.

Once you have read this please reply in the subject line:
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