

**TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH
ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION
“GREEN” POLICY**

22.01 Intent

The Town supports efforts to keep the Indian River Lagoon and our environment clean for current and future residents. In support of environmental efforts the Town has developed specific actions to assist in the reduction of items and the conversion to reusable objects.

22.02 Policy

The Town prohibits the use of plastic items and expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) in Town facilities, Town parks and Town property. This prohibition affects visitors to Town facilities and parks, employees, vendors and subcontractors.

22.03 Specific prohibited items

- **Plastic** – including, but not limited to: all single-use/disposable plastic containers, water bottles, bowls, plates, trays, cups, lids, straws, stirrers, serving utensils, eating utensils (knives, forks, spoons), etc.
- **Expanded polystyrene** (aka “Styrofoam”) – including, but not limited to: trays, clam shell containers, egg cartons, meat trays, plates, bowls, cups, containers, lids, coolers, ice chests, etc.
- **Prohibited to the extent allowed by State Statutes** – single-use plastic bags

22.04 Founder’s Day and other Town sponsored events

Vendors for all events will be covered by this policy.

22.05 Facility Rentals

Vendors and individuals renting Town facilities will be covered by this policy.

22.06 Education

The Town will work to educate the public on ways to reduce the use of the prohibited items. The Town will work in cooperation with other entities that support this policy and assist in the continued development of environmental preservation education.