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REMINDERS: [Mandatory External Grease Trap Pumping](#)

Per local Board of Health regulations, all food service operations with an external grease trap shall pump and clean the grease trap completely between July 1st and August 31st of each year to assure prompt removal of peak-season accumulations.

The Provincetown [Plastics & Straws Ban Bylaw](#) is now in effect!

- In 2018, Town Meeting banned single-use plastic straws and plastic marked #6.
- This includes many take-out plastic containers, plastic cutlery, and styrofoam.
- Replace plastic straws with ones made from other materials, or stop offering straws.

Are there any exemptions to the ban?

- The sale of styrofoam peanuts is banned, but not the reuse of styrofoam peanuts received from elsewhere. Styrofoam coolers often used in the fishing industry are also exempt.
- Food items pre-packaged by third party suppliers are also exempt. Businesses don't have to re-package or stop selling items made and packaged by another company if it uses a banned plastic.

FOOD SAFETY TIPS: High business volume and hot weather present challenges to maintaining food safety -- check all refrigeration units frequently! Make sure temperatures are operating at 41 degrees or below, ideally in the 36-38 degree range. Keeping a log of temperature readings recorded frequently helps you identify and resolve problems quickly. Make

sure all units have internal thermometers located where you can conveniently monitor temperatures.

DO NOT THROW AWAY OLD OR BROKEN THERMOMETERS. YOU CAN BRING TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR TRANSFER STATION FOR PROPER DISPOSAL.

REMINDER: The new Food Code requires [Employee Reporting Agreements](#) and [Clean Up Plans](#) in an effort to reduce Norovirus transmission. Have your documents available upon inspection.

Selling food products containing cannabidiol (CBD) is prohibited by U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), because CBD is an active ingredient in FDA-approved drugs. State and federal codes require that foods do not contain any prohibited ingredients. Prohibited ingredients include those that are active ingredients in FDA-approved drugs, such as CBD.

- The definition of food in those regulations includes snack foods and candy, such as gummy bears, and inclusion of CBD as an ingredient is prohibited.

Selling food products containing [CBD is prohibited](#). Remove all items from your inventory.

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