

## Green Hudson Restaurant Survey Results Report - Sept. 30, 2023

The Plastic Reduction Committee of Green Hudson recently completed a survey of 44 restaurants in Hudson. We mostly excluded restaurants that were major chains with a few exceptions. The purpose of the survey was to determine how many restaurants are still using polystyrene (Styrofoam) containers as well as other single use products such as straws, utensils, and non-recyclable black plastic. Here are the results of our survey. (Full results available on request).

Number of Restaurants surveyed – 44

### **Take-out Containers by materials:**

Please note that some restaurants utilize multiple containers for different food products.

Compostable: 21

Clear Plastic: 21

Black Plastic: 19

Aluminum: 3

Styrofoam: 16

Styrofoam coffee cups: 2

### **Straws:**

Home compostable: 4 Metal for use in house (1)

Industrial compostable: 1

Plastic: 40

### **Take Out Utensils**

Home Compostable: 2

Plastic: 37

### **Plastic Bags in use despite the ban that went into effect September 2020.**

10 that were identified and reported to the BOH.

2 said that they knew about the ban but used them occasionally if requested.

8 said that they did not know about the ban.

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**Number of restaurants that automatically give out straws in house: 17**

**Number of restaurants had a straw dispenser for customers to take as needed and did not routinely ask or supple straws: 20**

### **Spill stoppers**

Only Dunkin was seen or reported giving out plastic spill stoppers.

### **Stirrers**

Restaurants with bars that serve mixed drinks do give out plastic stirrers.

Plastic stirrers reported: 4

Wooden stirrers reported: 3