

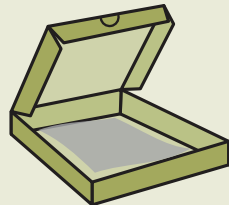
# PFAS:

## WHAT THEY ARE AND WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT THEM



### What are PFAS:

- **PFAS\***—also known as “forever chemicals”—are a family of man-made chemicals that are used in many products to provide stain resistance, water and oil repellency, and other properties.
- **PFAS** can be found in food packaging, such as in grease-resistant paper, fast food containers/wrappers, microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes, and candy wrappers.
- **PFAS** do not occur naturally, and some PFAS have been found to persist in the environment for long periods of time.

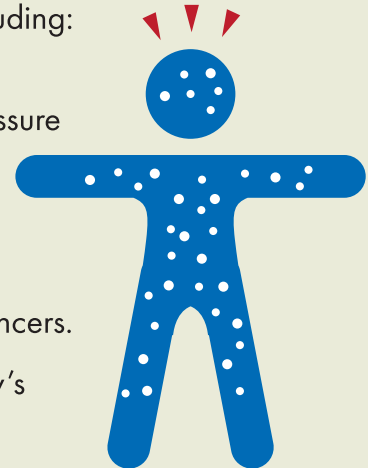


\*Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

### Human Health Impacts from PFAS

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, exposure to some **PFAS** in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals, including:

- Reproductive effects or increased high blood pressure in pregnant women.
- Developmental effects or delays in children.
- Increased risk of some cancers.
- Interference with the body’s natural hormones.



Learn more at [www.epa.gov/pfas](http://www.epa.gov/pfas).

## Bainbridge is a Leader on Banning PFAS

Bainbridge Island is leading the charge to protect public health and reduce environmental pollution. Our requirements for PFAS-free food service ware products meet or exceed—and supersede—State requirements for 2023 and 2024.



### Bainbridge Requirements

Per BIMC 8.24, all disposable food service ware with PFAS intentionally added are banned.

The following types of food packaging that have PFAS intentionally added are banned:

#### January 2023:

- ALL disposable food service ware

### State Requirements

Per RCW 70A.222.070, food packaging types made of paper or other plant fiber AND that have PFAS intentionally added may not be manufactured, sold, or distributed in Washington.

The following types of food packaging that have PFAS intentionally added are banned:

#### February 2023:

- Wraps
- Plates
- Food boats
- Pizza boxes

#### May 2024:

- Bags and sleeves
- Bowls
- Flat serviceware, including items like plates and trays
- Open-top containers, including items like french fry cartons and food cups
- Closed containers, including items like clamshells

