

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment Furthers Commitment to Protecting the Environment by Removing Polystyrene Foam Dinnerware Products from All 12 Theme Parks

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ORLANDO, Fla., March 5, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment announced that all 12 of its theme parks have removed polystyrene foam dinnerware products, including bowls, plates and trays, from all of its dining operations. As part of its commitment to protecting animals and habitats worldwide, SeaWorld has replaced polystyrene foam with products made from 100% recycled material in all of its parks. With millions of meals served in the parks each year, the removal of polystyrene foam products, which are not biodegradable, helps keep them out of local landfills, as well as in the ocean ecosystem.

According to Andrew Ngo, corporate vice president, In-park revenue, "This change allows us to save an estimated 14 million pieces of polystyrene foam dinnerware which is resistant to decomposition and difficult to recycle, from entering the environment each year. Reducing our environmental footprint is an important part of our mission, and this achievement is another step toward becoming greater stewards of our oceans, their animals and our planet."

SeaWorld is a leader in conservation initiatives, first eliminating polystyrene foam at SeaWorld San Diego in 2013. The company joins other organizations and cities around the U.S. that are similarly exploring or have banned polystyrene foam, including Hawaii's Maui County, which banned polystyrene foam food and beverage containers late last year, New York City's ban, which took effect on Jan. 1, 2019, and St. Petersburg, Florida, which voted on a polystyrene foam ban in December 2018.

Today's announcement comes less than a year after the company removed all single-use plastic straws and plastic coffee stirrers from its parks, following its removal of single-use plastic shopping bags starting in 2013. The complete removal of all polystyrene foam dinnerware products is one more step towards SeaWorld's goal in curbing pollution and its environmental impact. The company has also invested in projects to reduce its energy and water use and the amount of waste it generates, including planting drought resistant landscaping, LED lighting and the instillation of solar panels at its Aquatica San Diego park.

About SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment™ is a leading theme park and entertainment company providing experiences that matter and inspiring guests to protect animals and the wild wonders of the world. SeaWorld is one of the world's foremost zoological organizations and a global leader in animal husbandry, behavioral management, veterinary care and animal welfare. The company also rescues and rehabilitates marine and terrestrial animals that are ill, injured, orphaned or abandoned, with the goal of returning them to the wild. The SeaWorld® and Busch Gardens® rescue teams have helped more than 34,000 animals in need over the last 50 years.

SeaWorld owns or licenses a portfolio of recognized brands including SeaWorld®, Busch Gardens® and Sea Rescue®. Over the company's more than 50-year history, it has built a diversified portfolio of 12 destination and regional theme parks that are grouped in key markets across the United States. Many of the parks showcase its one-of-a-kind zoological collection and all of the parks feature a diverse array of thrill and family rides, shows, educational demonstrations and/or other attractions with broad demographic appeal which deliver memorable experiences and a strong value proposition for guests.

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