



Single-use foodware guide



City of Arcata - Single-use Disposable Foodware Ordinance

Reusable Foodware



Going reusable is best! Encourage customers to bring their own reusable options such as to-go coffee mugs and durable take-out containers

Fiber-based compostable Foodware



Disposable single-use foodware must be made from fiber-based readily compostable materials (e.g. wood, sugarcane, bamboo, etc.) and free of fluorinated chemicals (PFAS)

Plastic Foodware (#1-7)



Disposable, single-use foodware made of plastic are prohibited, including "compostable" plastic

Ordinance Provisions

- Ordinance effective March 6th, 2020
- All prepared food establishments including but not limited to: restaurants, grocery stores, bars, cafes, food trucks, and cafeterias

- Food vendors with proper dish washing capacity must use reusable foodware for onsite dining
- Accessory foodware, such as straws and cup lids must be provided upon request or at a self service station
- All single-use disposable foodware, including accessory foodware must be fiber-based compostable where possible
- Food vendors must charge a \$0.25 fee per order for takeout food and beverage served in single-use disposable foodware
- Food vendors must offer a minimum \$0.25 per order discount for customers who bring their own reusable foodware for takeout food and beverage

Exemptions

The City of Arcata will annually exempt specific disposable foodware products that do not yet have a fiber-based alternative on the market

Waivers

Food vendors may request a waiver for a specific disposable item that has not yet been exempted, if able to document that the fiber-based item will cause economic hardship. **If granted a waiver, the item must be recyclable**

For more information please contact: **City of Arcata Environmental Services Dept.**
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