

# Single-use Disposable Foodware Ordinance 1527 Vendor Guide



## Reusables



### Reusable is required!

Provide customers that dine-in with reusable dishware. Encourage customers to bring their own reusable containers for to-go orders.

## Fiber-based Compostable



### Compostable is compliant!

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

## Plastics (#1-7)



### Plastic is prohibited!

Disposable, single-use foodware items made of plastic are prohibited, including "compostable" bioplastics (PLA). Styrofoam has been banned since 2015.

## Ordinance 1527 Provisions

Ordinance effective since March 6th, 2020.

All prepared food establishments including but not limited to: restaurants, bars, grocery stores, cafeterias, cafes, & food trucks.

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

### Exemptions

Foodware items that are exempt from being fiber-based compostable must be recyclable in the City of Arcata. Exemptions include:

Hot liquid containers, cold cups, cup lids, soufflé cups, cutlery, grocery store pack downs (kitchen prepared sides, sauces, etc. intended to have a longer shelf life), and hot bar meal trays

### 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.

### Questions?

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