



# FOOD PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

Starting **June 1, 2024**, Shoreline businesses serving or selling food must replace single-use plastic service ware with reusable items for on-site dining and approved compostable or wood items for takeout and to-go orders.

## REUSABLE SERVICE WARE FOR ON-SITE DINING



Plates & Bowls



Utensils, Napkins & Portion Cups



Cups, Lids & \*Straws

## COMPOSTABLE OR WOOD SERVICE WARE FOR TAKEOUT AND TO-GO ORDERS

Look for these symbols:



Bowls, Clamshells & Boxes



Utensils, Napkins & Portion Cups



Cups, Lids, Sleeves, \*Straws & Stirrers



For details, questions, or support go to: [ShorelineWA.gov/Compost](https://ShorelineWA.gov/Compost).

*\*Compostable straws allowed upon customer request.*

*Plastic straws allowed upon request to accommodate people with disabilities.*



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What are the requirements of the new law?

All food service businesses must use:

- Reusable plates, bowls, cups, utensils, and condiment containers for on-site dining
- Commercially compostable or wood plates, bowls, cups, and utensils for takeout and to-go orders

## Who has to follow the law?

Any person or place that serves or sells food. This includes, but is not limited to, restaurants, coffee shops, cafes, bars, cafeterias, delis, grocery stores, convenience stores, caterers, vendors at fairs, food trucks, schools, hospitals, and health care facilities.

## When does the law go into effect?

June 1, 2024

## What products are allowed?

Reusable versions of the following for on-site dining and approved compostable or wood versions for to-go orders:

- Plates
- Bowls
- Cups, lids & cup sleeves
- Knives, forks, spoons & chopsticks
- \*Straws & stirrers
- Trays
- Deli containers
- Clamshells & other lidded containers
- Food contact paper
- Portion cups & condiment packets
- Napkins
- Splash sticks

**Compostable products must be accepted by Shoreline's composting facility, Cedar Grove, and meet Washington State requirements.**

Visit [ShorelineWA.gov/Compost](https://ShorelineWA.gov/Compost) for full details and a list of approved compostable products.

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## Where can I purchase these products?

**Ask your current supplier.** Major food distributors carry compostable and reusable products that meet the City's requirements.

Visit [ShorelineWA.gov/Compost](https://ShorelineWA.gov/Compost) or scan the QR code for a list of products accepted by Shoreline's composting facility, Cedar Grove.



## Are there exemptions?

There are temporary exemptions for \*\*pre-packaged foods, catering trays, clear food wrap and shrink wrap, containers for uniquely shaped foods, and containers or trays for hot meat items among others.

Businesses may apply for a waiver from these service ware requirements if:

- They do not have on-site or off-site dishwashing capacity or
- A suitable compostable product is not commercially available to replace a single-use plastic product

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*\*\*Food service ware that has been filled with food and sealed by a separate business or manufacturer prior to receipt by the point-of-sale food service business.*

## GET UP TO \$500

The City is offering up to \$500 for businesses to purchase compostable and reusable products! Scan the QR code to learn more.

