



# TAKEOUT & TO-GO

## FOOD PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

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

### COMPOSTABLE

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

**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) or scan the QR code for a list of approved compostable products.



Clamshells & Bowls



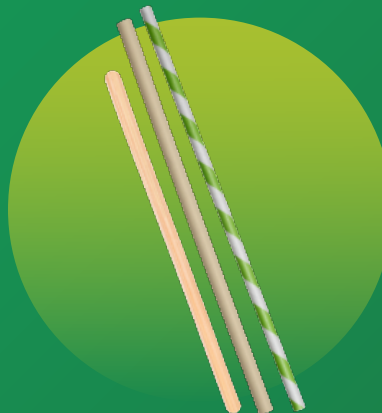
Boxes & Portion Cups



Forks, Knives, Spoons & Chopsticks



Hot/Cold Cups,  
Lids & Cup Sleeves



\*Straws & Stirrers



Napkins, Produce Bags  
& Food Contact Paper



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

## When is compostable service ware required?

Starting **June 1, 2024**, approved compostable or wood service ware is required when packaging takeout and to-go orders, including leftovers from on-site dining.

## 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.

## How do I know if a compostable product meets the City's requirements?

While compostable food service products are available from a variety of vendors, you **must use products accepted by Shoreline's composting facility, Cedar Grove.** Scan the QR code to view an approved product list.



Additionally, products **must meet the Washington State requirements for compostable products** (RCW 70A.455):

- Meet ASTM D6400 or D6868 standards or be made of wood
- Display the word "compostable"
- Use green, beige, or brown labeling, striping, or other patterns
- Have a third party certification logo from the Biodegradable Product Institute (BPI) or Compost Manufacturing Alliance (CMA)

Products labeled with the following terms are banned in Washington State:

- Biodegradable
- Degradable
- Decomposable
- Oxo-degradable
- Any similar term

## Questions about acceptable products?

- **Cedar Grove:** 877-994-4466 or [info@CGcompost.com](mailto:info@CGcompost.com)
- **Recology:** 206-763-4444 or [RKCWasteZero@Recology.com](mailto:RKCWasteZero@Recology.com)

## Where can I purchase these products?

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

Visit [ShorelineWA.gov/Compost](http://ShorelineWA.gov/Compost) to find vendors who sell approved compostable products.

## 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

Visit [ShorelineWA.gov/Compost](http://ShorelineWA.gov/Compost) for full details on exemptions and waiver requirements.

*\*\*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.*

Look for these symbols:

