



ON-SITE DINING

FOOD PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

Starting **June 1, 2024**, Shoreline businesses serving or selling food must replace single-use plastic items with reusables for on-site dining. Reusable means an item is designed and made of durable materials to maintain its shape and structure, and capable of being washed, sanitized, and used at least 1,000 times - like glass, metal, and ceramic.

REUSABLE

SERVICE WARE FOR ON-SITE DINING



Plates & Bowls



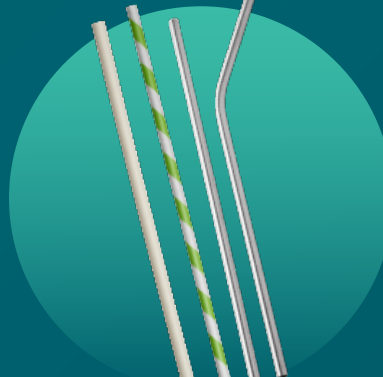
Glasses, Cups & Mugs



Forks, Knives, Spoons & Chopsticks



Condiment & Sauce Containers



*Straws



Napkins

Businesses can provide approved compostable food service ware for customers to take home leftovers. Visit ShorelineWA.gov/Compost or scan the QR code for a list of approved compostable products.



For details, questions, or support go to: 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. Approved, commercially compostable service ware can be used to package leftovers from on-site dining.

Additionally, businesses must:

- Have a dishwashing system on-site or a contract with an off-site provider to clean and sanitize all reusable food service ware consistent with state or local health code
- Ask customers where the prepared food will be consumed and use the appropriate service ware if they offer on-site and off-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.

When does the law go into effect?

June 1, 2024

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.



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 for full details and a list of approved compostable products.

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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 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.*