



WAIVER REQUEST FOR SHORELINE'S FOOD PACKAGING RULES

The City of Shoreline requires food service businesses to use compostable or reusable service ware, SMC Chapter 14.15. Recognizing that complying with this requirement may be difficult for some businesses, the City is providing a waiver program. This form can be used by businesses that wish to apply for a waiver from these service ware requirements.

EXEMPT PLASTIC FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS

The following plastic food service products are exempt until **June 1, 2025**, and do not need a waiver:

- Catering trays
- Clear food wrap and shrink wrap
- Containers for uniquely shaped foods like cupcakes and deviled eggs
- Flexible plastic packaging used to preserve moisture and freshness such as for cookies
- Containers or trays for hot meat items like ribs and rotisserie chicken
- Small absorbent pads put under meat or seafood to absorb liquids in the package
- Metal foil and metal foil-faced papers used to wrap hot food such as fried chicken, hamburgers, and burritos
- Disposable metal loaf pans used to bake food items that are then sold to customers in the same container

WAIVER REQUIREMENTS

Waiver from the requirement to use reusable service ware for on-site dining

If you would like to **use commercially approved compostable service ware instead of reusable items**, you must show you are not able to comply with this requirement due to:

- Insurmountable space constraints for a dishwashing system;
- Undue financial hardship; and/or
- Other extraordinary circumstances.

Waiver from the requirement to use compostable service ware for off-site dining

If you would like to **use disposable plastic service ware instead of compostable items**, you must show:

- There are not at least two suitable compostable alternatives for the plastic item; and/or
- There are not at least two companies that make a suitable compostable alternative for the plastic item.

Waiver Request Form on pages 2 and 3.

WAIVER REQUEST FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business name: _____

Business address: _____

Contact name: _____

Contact email: _____ Contact phone: _____

REASON FOR WAIVER REQUEST

Waiver from the requirement to use reusable service ware for on-site dining

I am applying for a waiver to use commercially approved compostable service ware for on-site dining instead of reusable items due to:

- Insurmountable space constraints for a dishwashing system
- Undue financial hardship
- Other extraordinary circumstances

Check all that apply.

Briefly explain. Include details that justify why you selected the above reason(s).

If you have supporting documentation like pictures or other files that justify your waiver request, please attach them to this form.

Waiver from the requirement to use compostable service ware for off-site dining

I am applying for a waiver to use a disposable plastic service product instead of a compostable one due to:

- There are not at least two suitable compostable alternatives for the plastic item; and/or
- There are not at least two companies that make a suitable compostable alternative for the plastic item

Check all that apply.

Briefly explain. Include details on the plastic product you are requesting to use, research on compostable alternatives you have done, etc.

If you have supporting documentation like pictures or other files that justify your waiver request, please attach them to this form.

SIGNATURE

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Submit form to: City of Shoreline, Attn: Environmental Sustainability, 17500 Midvale Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133**

APPROVAL PROCESS

- We will consider your waiver request once we receive your form. We will contact you if we need more information.
- The City Manager will issue a decision within 14 days of us receiving all relevant information. Waivers may be approved for up to one year.
- The City Manager's decision to approve or deny a waiver request is final.