

CALISTOGA REUSABLE FOODWARE & WASTE REDUCTION

~SUMMARY

*The goal of this waste reduction effort is to reduce the significant impact of plastic and other food packaging pollution on climate change, endangered wildlife, landfill waste, and litter, as our community strives to play a part in healing our environment. Businesses are encouraged to voluntarily begin compliance before the **March 20,2024** effective date.*

Dining-in

- Foodware served in or at restaurants must be reusable, meaning these service items can be washed, sanitized, and used again.
- For dining-in, food providers must offer condiments in reusable containers or dispensers rather than pre-packaged, single-use condiment packets.

Take-out and Leftovers Foodware

- Disposable foodware and foodware accessories (utensils, straws, containers, etc.) offered for takeout or leftovers must be made of natural fiber, compostable materials.
- Currently, "compostable" does not include disposable products made from corn or potato or products composed wholly or partially of plastic of any kind including any form of polylactic acid (PLA) and/or plastic labeled "biodegradable" or "compostable," as these are not compostable by our City contracted collection program.
- "Compostable" does include disposable products made from bamboo, birchwood, sugarcane, wheat or wood.
- Disposable take-out foodware accessories (napkins, utensils, straws, condiments, etc.) may be provided upon customer-request only.
- Plastic take-out containers for liquids, such as soup, must be rated recyclable #1 or #2.

Cups and Bags

- While permitted, hot beverage take-out cups are coated with plastic or wax and are neither compostable nor recyclable.
- Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable coffee cups. Merchants are encouraged to offer a discount for customer-provided cups.
- Where suitable compostable cups are not available from suppliers, plastic cups offered must have a recyclable rating of #1 or #2.
- Except when needed to prevent liquid leaks or spills, merchant-provided carry-out bags must be compostable. The charge for carry-out bags provided at checkout will be \$0.25.
- Pre-checkout (produce) bags must be paper or "bio-bags" that are BPI certified.

Other Key Points

- Waste containers provided for customer-use must include three receptacles, gray or black for garbage (landfill), blue for recyclables, and green for compostables/organics, with approved, graphic-rich signage posted on or above each receptacle. Receptacles must be placed adjacent to one another unless space considerations prevent doing so.
- Businesses may not use, sell or distribute polystyrene of any kind within the City or at City sponsored events.
- Violation of the ordinance may result in administrative fines.