

# DISPOSABLE FOODWARE REDUCTION PLAN

## Zero Waste Palo Alto

The goal of the Disposable Foodware Reduction Plan is to reduce the amount of single-use, disposable foodware generated in Palo Alto, encourage the use of reusable foodware, and to ensure that single-use disposable items that are effectively recovered are either recycled or composted. The plan has a phased approach beginning with straws and other small single-use disposable plastics.

### PHASE I - 2019

#### BAN

- Single-use disposable foodware items.
  - Plastic straws.
  - Plastic utensils.
  - Plastic drink stirrers.
  - Plastic drink plugs.
  - Plastic food and drink picks.
  - Plastic drink accoutrements.
- Plastic produce bags.

#### REQUIRE

- Banned foodware, if offered, must be compostable or reusable.
- All disposable foodware must be acceptable in the City's collection program.
- Disposable foodware must be offered only upon request or via self-serve station.
- Businesses to provide receipts only upon request.
- Produce and meat bags must be reusable or compostable.

### PHASE II - 2021

#### BAN

- Use of fluorinated (PFAS or PFCs) compounds in compostable foodware.
- Disposable (plastic or compostable) foodware for dine-in.
- All disposable plastic foodware.

#### REQUIRE

- Disposable single-use foodware to be compostable. Foodware must be acceptable in the City's collection program.
- Charge for non-reusable cups and containers.
- Reusable foodware for dine-in.
- All new construction and tenant improvements to food service establishments required to install a dishwasher.

### PHASE III - 2025

#### BAN

- Single-use disposable foodware for take-out.

#### REQUIRE

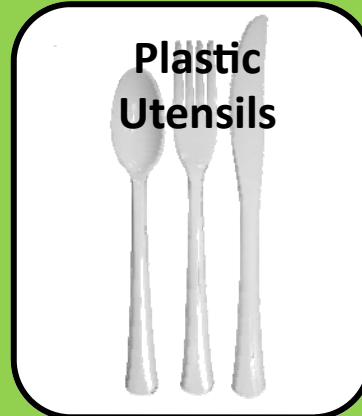
- All food service establishments required to have a dishwasher, sign-up for a dishwasher service, or sign-up for a reusable foodware service program.
- Reusable foodware for take-out.

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## PHASE I - 2019

### BANNED FOODWARE



### OTHER REQUIREMENTS

**Foodware Items Must Be Reusable Or Compostable**

**Must Be Accepted In City's Collection Program**

**Disposable Foodware & Receipts Only Upon Request**