



## City of Los Altos

# SINGLE-USE PLASTICS FOODWARE ORDINANCE SUMMARY

The Single-Use Plastics Foodware Ordinance aims to reduce plastic use and waste in landfills and the environment by limiting nonessential single-use plastic foodware and prioritizing reusable foodware and accessories in the city of Los Altos.

The new regulations will take effect approximately six months following ordinance adoption.

## WHAT IS SINGLE-USE FOODWARE?

Single-use or disposable foodware refers to items associated with food and beverages designed for serving or transporting prepared food that are meant to be thrown away after a single use, or a limited number of uses.

Reusable Glass Saucer



Single-Use Plastic Packets

## WHO WILL BE AFFECTED?

- Restaurants
- Coffee Shops
- Mobile or Temporary Food Providers
- Fast Food Chains
- Grocery Stores
- Vehicles, Carts, or Roadside Stands
- Caterers
- Delicatessens
- Cafeterias

## NO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FOODWARE

Single-use plastic and compostable plastic (a.k.a. bioplastics, PLA, etc.) materials are not allowed. This includes but is not limited to: cups, trays, stir sticks, plates, take-out containers, straws, bowls, single-use plastic carry-out bags, and utensils.

## REUSABLES FOR DINE-IN

- Reusable foodware, made out of metal, ceramic, or glass, is required.
- Condiments **must** be served in reusable containers; no individual packets are allowed.
- Single-use compostable straws, paper napkins, and foil/paper liners are allowed.

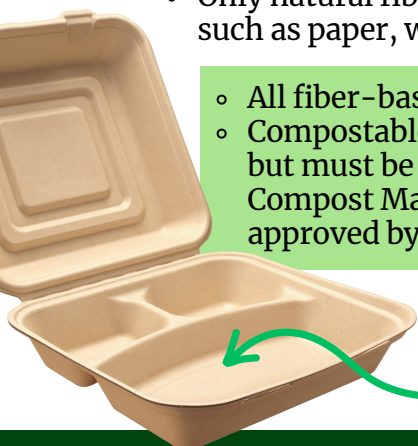
Aluminum Take-Out Food Containers



## COMPOSTABLES FOR TAKE-OUT

- Aluminum food containers and foil are allowed.
- Only natural fiber-based compostable materials are allowed such as paper, wood, sugarcane, or bamboo.

- All fiber-based items must be PFAS-free.
- Compostable plastic lining (only) is okay for above items, but must be approved by Biodegradable Products Institute, Compost Manufacturing Alliance, or another 3rd party approved by the City.



Fiber-Based, Compostable Take Out Box

