

SINGLE-USE FOODWARE RULES

For Alameda County Food Facilities* and Food Delivery Platforms

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New Law: Single-Use Foodware Accessories Available by Request Only

As of January 2022, California law AB 1276 requires all retail food facilities and food delivery platforms to provide disposable foodware accessories and condiments **upon request only**.

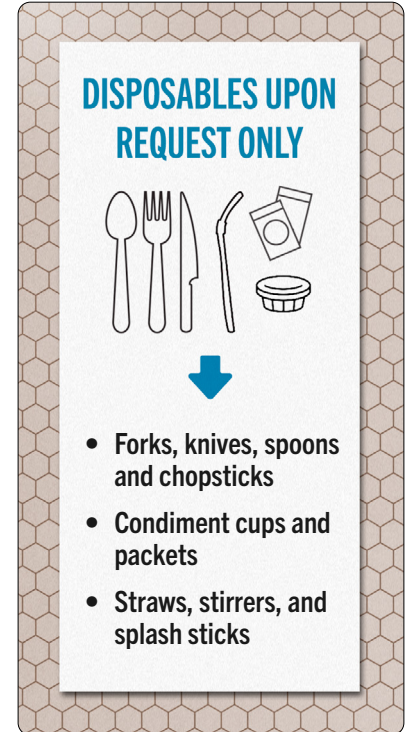
Foodware items covered by the law include all single-use utensils, straws, chopsticks, stirrers, and condiment cups and packets, including those made from bioplastics, compostable plastic, bamboo, and paper. Facilities found in violation of the law may be fined.

The law requires that:

- Disposable utensils cannot be bundled together.
- Single-use foodware accessories and condiments can only be provided upon request, with the exception of airport and drive-through customers.
- Food facilities using third-party delivery platforms can only provide condiments and disposable utensils that have been requested by a customer during the online ordering process.

Steps to Comply:

- Inform staff that items must be requested, not provided by default.
- Post signage to let consumers know they can ask for what they need.
- Eliminate bundled disposable utensils.
- Self-serve stations are allowed as long as items are not bundled or wrapped and dispensers only dispense items one at a time. Consider providing bulk dispensers for condiments.
- Update online ordering menus to allow consumers to request each available accessory or condiment.



Bundled utensils are no longer allowed under the new state law.

➔ Free resources and additional details available at www.StopWaste.org/AB1276



Customer Reusables are Safe & Allowed!

California state law (AB 619) allows consumers to bring their own clean, reusable food and beverage containers for takeout orders and leftovers. Following all sanitary guidelines, reusable containers can be filled by food facility staff or the consumer.

* AB 1276 does not apply to school cafeterias, residential and health care facilities, and correctional facilities.