



ALAMEDA'S FOOD WARE RULES

Restaurants • Parklets • Bars • Food Trucks

✓ REUSABLE IS THE BEST OPTION



Durable dishware that is washed and reused saves money and the planet.

! COMPOSTABLE FIBER IS COMPLIANT



Straws Available Only By Request

Paper-like, wooden or bamboo options break down more readily than any alternatives.

✗ PLASTIC IS NOT ALLOWED



These single-use items are rapidly polluting our oceans, and are no longer acceptable in Alameda.

1. Alameda's Disposable Food Service Ware Reduction Law went into effect on January 1, 2018. This Law is enforced and businesses will receive citations and fines for non-compliance.
2. Disposable food ware packaging must be made from compostable, natural fibers (paper-like, wood, uncoated is best).

3. Any form of plastic, single-use items are prohibited as food ware, including "Biodegradable" or "Compostable" plastics.
4. Transition your business toward reusable dishware and save money. ReThink Disposable, in partnership with the City of Alameda, can offer free consultation to get you started. Call (415) 369-9160 x 303 or email rethinkdisposable@cleanwater.org.



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3-STREAM WASTE SORTING REQUIRED

Businesses are required to provide sorting receptacles for customers as shown below. Label each bin clearly for their designated purpose, and add pictures where appropriate.



- All reusable dishware (No disposable food ware, cups, or wrappers provided to customers)? Then 3-stream receptacles are NOT required in this specific case.
- Customers should not be using City of Alameda's sidewalk litter or recycling bins as a result of waste generated from your business - please capture disposable waste by providing 3-stream containers, as required.

- Businesses must ensure that the area near their business remains free of litter, leaves, grime, and spilled food/drink. *AMC 4-1.6 Commercial Litter Maintenance.*
- Keep area swept and tidy, and ensure that no substances are discharged to the sidewalks, streets, gutters or storm drain.
- Pressure washing or sidewalk cleaning cannot result in any washwater discharge to the street or storm drain system. Consider BASMAA-certified surface cleaning practices. Violators are subject to citations, fines, and even permit revocation.



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