



# Single-Use Food Ware Plastics, Toxics, and Litter Reduction Ordinance



The ordinance will eliminate sources of litter while making the San Francisco dining experience more environmentally friendly and healthy.

Specifically, this ordinance will reduce plastic pollution by prohibiting, among other foodware accessories, the distribution of plastic straws, which too often wind up on our streets and in our oceans. The ordinance will also eliminate toxic fluorine chemicals from food ware products while strengthening compostability standards and recycling markets.

The ordinance will take effect July 1, 2019:

## Provisions

1. Plastic-Free – Straws, stirrers, toothpicks, beverage plugs, and cocktail sticks must be plastic-free (paper, bamboo, wood, metal, or fiber).
2. Customer Request for Accessories – Single-use foodware accessory items are provided only upon customer request or can be self-serve. Accessories include:
 

<b>straws</b>	<b>lids</b>	<b>beverage plugs</b>	<b>condiment packets</b>
<b>sleeves</b>	<b>stirrers</b>	<b>utensils</b>	
3. Certified Compostable Foodware - Foodware that is accepted in San Francisco’s composting program must be BPI (Biodegradable Product Institute) certified to be considered truly compostable.
4. Eliminating Fluorinated Chemicals – After January 1, 2020, all foodware that is distributed, sold or provided in San Francisco must have no intentionally added fluorine. To verify, foodware must be BPI certified.
5. 10% Reusable Cups on City property – Outdoor or indoor events on city property with 100 or more attendees must provide reusable cups as an option for 10% of attendees.
6. Minimum post-consumer recycled content – May be required for specific food ware, such as cups, after January 1, 2020 if adopted through regulations.
7. Outreach – Information and acceptable product information will be provided by the Department through its website and directly to stores, food vendors, city facility food providers and City departments.



NOTE: Ordinance will be amended to address disability needs for plastic straws.

