

Single-Use Items Upon Request Only



Sustainability in Action

State law (AB 1276) requires all retail food facilities and food delivery platforms to provide single-use foodware items (including those made from bioplastics, compostable plastic, bamboo and paper) upon request only. This law helps reduce the amount of waste generated by single-use items and to encourage consumers to choose reusables.

Who is covered by AB 1276?

Any food facility operating in California and their customers. AB 1276 does NOT apply to correctional institutions, licensed health care facilities, residential care facilities and public/private cafeterias.

What are Single-Use Foodware Accessories?

- Utensils (forks, knives, spoons and sporks)
- Chopsticks
- Condiment cups and packets (relishes, spices, sauces, confections, seasoning, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, soy sauce, salsa, salt, pepper, sugar, sugar substitutes)
- Straws
- Stirrers, splash sticks and cocktail sticks



What are the service requirements?

Dine-in/take-out orders

- Single-use foodware accessories and condiments will only be provided to customers upon request or at self-serve stations
- These items must not be bundled or packaged in a way that prevents the customer from taking only what they need

Online delivery orders

- Food facilities which use a third-party delivery platform shall customize their menu with a list of single-use accessories/condiments that the customers can request with their order

Drive-thru orders

- Only single-use items that are necessary to eat or help prevent spillage of the ready-to-eat food at a drive-thru may be offered



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