



# FOOD WARE REVOLUTION



## SIX QUICK FACTS

1. Alameda's Disposable Food Service Ware Reduction Law went into effect on January 1, 2018 and will be enforced as of July 1, 2018.
2. Going reusable is best for the environment. Diners are encouraged to bring their own reusable containers like to-go coffee mugs and reusable take-out containers.
3. Straws are available **only** upon request, and single-use plastic straws have been replaced by compostable paper or reusable straws.
4. Food ware packaging must be made from compostable, fiber-based materials. Uncoated, paper-like materials are best. Aluminum is also OK.
5. Plastic, single-use items—even if labeled 1 through 7—are prohibited as food ware, including “biodegradable” plastic.
6. The law applies to any restaurant, bar, retail food vendor (such as a grocery store or deli) or food truck located or operated within the City of Alameda.

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