













Sustainable Foodware Guide

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- Businesses are encouraged to use reusable items or single-use options that are accepted in Edmonton's recycling program.
- If your business uses cups, containers or other food serviceware labelled as compostable, check with your waste collection company to ensure they can be properly processed.

	Cups	Containers
<p>Best</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use reusable cups for dine-in (bylaw requirement) • Accept clean, reusable customer cups (bylaw requirement) • Participate in a program that provides returnable, reusable travel cups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use reusables for dine-in • Accept clean, reusable customer containers • Provide containers that can be reused at home by customers • Participate in a program that provides returnable, reusable containers 
<p>Acceptable</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recyclable plastic cups (accepted in residential recycling as of spring 2023) <p><i>Currently, no paper cups are accepted for recycling by the City</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recyclable plastics • Recyclable unlined cardboard and pulp (similar to egg cartons) • Recyclable aluminum 
<p>Avoid</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper cups or containers lined with plastic or wax • Compostable/biodegradable plastic cups and containers, including paper lined with compostable plastic <p><i>When these items reach people's homes, they are often mistakenly sorted into food scraps or recycling. Compostable plastics don't break down in most composting systems, and aren't recyclable with regular plastics.</i></p>	
<p>Banned</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polystyrene foam ("Styrofoam") (bylaw requirement) 	



For the most current waste sorting information, download the **WasteWise app** or use the tool online at edmonton.ca/Waste

For a list of local suppliers of alternatives to foam plates, containers, etc., visit edmonton.ca/SingleUse

