

FOOD SERVICE WARE GUIDELINES



REUSABLE
best option



**MARINE
DEGRADABLE**
good option



PLASTIC
not an option



City of
Santa Monica

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SANTA MONICA'S DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE ORDINANCE:

- ✓ The Ordinance will go into effect January 1, 2019 and will be enforced as of July 1, 2019.
- ✓ Santa Monica encourages businesses to offer reusable options for their dine-in customers. Businesses can also offer incentives for customers to bring their own container/cup. It is the best option for the environment and **could save businesses money in the long run.**
- ✓ When reusable is not an option, disposable food service ware **must be marine degradable or a non-plastic biodegradable material, such as paper, fiber or wood.**
- ✗ **Plastics #1 – #7 are prohibited** for prepared food service. This prohibits bioplastics labeled “compostable” or “biodegradable” as well.
- ✗ Disposable straws and utensils can **only be distributed upon request.**

