Food Service Ware

**REQUIREMENTS**

Effective January 1, 2017, District businesses and organizations providing disposable products for prepared food must use recyclable or compostable materials when serving consumers.

Affected businesses and organizations include:

- Restaurants & delis
- Cafeterias
- Food trucks
- Faith-based organizations
- Grocery stores
- Caterers
- Street vendors
- Other groups that serve food
- Hotels, motels & inns
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Coffee Shops and Cafés

**Compliant Compostable and Recyclable Items**

Products made solely of rigid plastic, made of pulp or paper with or without a plastic or wax coating or certified compostable by the Biodegradable Products Institute (products.bpiworld.org) are considered compliant.

**Items to Throw In the Trash**

Items smaller than two (2) inches in two dimensions, heavily food-soiled items, plastic bags, and plastic wraps should be thrown in the trash to avoid recycling contamination.*

**Items Banned and Enforced by the District**

Mixed material products, including paper bags with plastic windows and foil-lined deli paper wraps, and single-use plastic straws and stirrers are BANNED. Expanded polystyrene foam containers are also BANNED.

For more information on compliant products and District food service ware requirements, visit: doee.dc.gov/foodserviceware
Si necesita ayuda en Español, por favor llame al (202) 671-0080 para proporcionarle un intérprete de manera gratuita.

Si vous avez besoin d’aide en Français appelez le (202) 671-0080 et l’assistance d’un interprète vous sera fournie gratuitement.

한국어로 언어 지원이 필요하신 경우 (202) 671-0080 로 연락을 주시면 무료로 통역이 제공됩니다.

如果您需要用（中文）接受幫助，請電洽(202) 671-0080 將免費向您提供口譯員服務。