

FOODWARE RESOURCES

IT'S THE LAW

As of January 2022, California Assembly Bill 1276 requires all retail food facilities* and food delivery platforms to provide single-use foodware accessories and condiments to consumers only upon request in an effort to reduce waste.

**Does not apply to correctional institutions, licensed health-care facilities, residential-care facilities, and public and private school cafeterias.*

“ONLY UPON REQUEST”

Foodware items covered under the law include, but are not limited to:

- Utensils (chopsticks, forks, knives, spoons, and sporks)
- Condiment cups and packets
- Straws
- Stirrers
- Splash sticks
- Cocktail sticks



WHY AB 1276?

Every year, US restaurants and food service businesses use nearly 1 trillion individual pieces of disposable foodware and packaging.¹ These items are used for only a short time, and when made from plastic pose risks to human health and have a long-lasting impact on the environment.²

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Athens Services has created resources to help you choose foodware based on recyclability and compostability, thus enhancing our potential to divert material from landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The below resources can be accessed at AthensServices.com/Foodware.

- Product Recommendations for Disposable Foodware
- Approved Compostable Vendor Catalogs
- Legislation Information
- Participation Signage for Customers



Scan for more resources

NOT ACCEPTED



IS THAT COMPOSTABLE?

Just because something is labeled or certified as “compostable” does not necessarily mean that the item is acceptable in the green organics container for composting. Athens only accepts 100% plant-based fiber with NO coating, liner, or filler made from bioplastic, petroleum, or wax. Athens does not accept (for composting or recycling) any form of bioplastic.

¹ Upstream Solutions. <https://upstreamsolutions.org/blog/reuse-wins-report>

² EPA. <https://www.epa.gov/plastics/impacts-plastic-pollution>