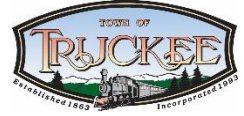




Truckee's Single-Use Foodware Reduction Ordinance Point of Sale Discussion Guide: FAQ's from the Public



1. Why the new requirements?

The Truckee Town Council approved the foodware ordinance with the goal of reducing the amount of waste we generate in Truckee. 1 million tons of disposable foodware is used once, and then thrown away across the US each year. Plus, single-use foodware makes up 68% of the litter found on Truckee's streets and requires large amounts of energy to produce. We can do better!

2. Why a \$0.25 fee?

Truckee joins many other California cities that require a fee for disposable foodware. The fee is modeled after the bag fee at grocery stores, with the goal of incentivizing customers to bring their own reusable cup or takeout container to avoid the charge and reduce waste!

3. What happens to the \$0.25?

The business keeps the \$0.25, and it is designed to cover the cost of the disposable item.

4. Why can't we just use compostable or recyclable foodware?

Recycling and composting are not reliable outlets for single-use items. Unfortunately, these items usually end up in the landfill. Clean #1 and #2 plastics, paper, metal, and glass are recyclable. Containers with food residue can't be recycled. Compostable products are not any better. They are not accepted at many composting facilities, and instead go to the landfill. Large amounts of land, water, and fossil fuels are still used to produce these products, and they are still only used once and thrown away. Using compostable foodware yields no greenhouse gas reduction benefits compared to using conventional plastics.

5. Why should we use reusables?

Nearly 1 trillion disposable food service products are used each year in the United States, almost all going to sit in landfills forever. Reusable foodware beats single-use alternatives through every environmental measure – you only have to produce them once, and then can be used thousands of times, avoiding the creation of unnecessary waste and energy to produce disposable products over and over again.

6. Are reusables safe to use?

Yes, our staff follows all protocols from the Nevada County Environmental Health Department and have annual inspections to ensure we are meeting their requirements to avoid contamination and to keep all containers safe and clean.

7. Why do we need to request utensils?

We don't want to provide you with items you don't need and create unnecessary waste. Please let any of our staff know if you need any additional items and we are happy to provide you with whatever you need.

8. Where can I learn more about Truckee's foodware ordinance?

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