

Single-Use Foodware Reduction Ordinance FAQ's for Hotels



1. How does the \$0.25 disposable cup and container fee apply at hotel self-service buffets?

The \$0.25 fee does not apply for disposable cups and containers provided for to-go food/drinks at hotel self-serve areas. However, all customers dining on-site must be provided with reusable dishware. Self-serve food and drink stations should include both reusable and disposable options to allow the customer to self-select for reusable dine-in or disposable to-go dishware options.

2. What items must be reusable for on-site dining at hotels?

All food and drinkware provided for use on the premises must be reusable. This includes all dishware provided in meal dining areas and beverage cups provided in hotel rooms. In self-serve areas where customers may take their food or drink for on-site dining or to-go, a disposable and reusable option should be made available for the customer to self-select their preferred dishware.

3. How should accessory foodware items be provided in hotel rooms (I.e., coffee accessories: stirrers, straws, sugar, creamer, etc.)?

According to state law AB 1276, accessory foodware items shall not be bundled or packaged in a manner that prevents a customer from taking only the type of single-use foodware accessory or standard condiment desired without also having to take a different type of single-use foodware accessory or standard condiment. Accessory items in hotel rooms can be individually wrapped or packaged to prevent contamination, however foodware items cannot be bundled and packaged together.

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