

# Reusables Guidance

for Marin County Food Service Establishments

Did you know, restaurant customers in Marin County are allowed to bring their own reusable containers for take-out! What does this mean for businesses?

From California Retail Food Code 114121:

- ▶ Customers may bring their own clean, reusable\* containers to be filled with purchased food. Qualifying containers are designed for reuse and suitable for the food purchased.
- ▶ Businesses must keep written procedures to prevent cross contamination. These procedures must be available to inspectors upon request.
- ▶ Employees must wash hands after handling customer containers.
- ▶ Customer containers should be filled in a contamination free process. If the customer container comes in contact with a food contact surface, the surface must be sanitized immediately after.
- ▶ Consumer containers that are not food specific (e.g. water bottles, flasks, or canteens) may be filled at a water vending machine or system.



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