

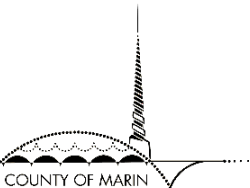
# MARIN COUNTY

## Reusable Foodware Ordinance Food Vendor Workshop

September 15, 2021

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# Project Status Update



**Project began**

**Project restarted**

**Education and Outreach**

SPRING  
2020-2021

FALL/  
WINTER  
2021

OCTOBER  
2019

MAY  
2021

**Project paused, due to COVID-19**

**Ordinance brought to Board of Supervisors**



*We want to hear from you and work together to roll out a successful program!*

# What is Disposable Foodware?

- **Bowls, plates, clamshells, and other to-go containers**
- **Cups**
- **Straws**
- **Utensils**
- **Accessories:**
  - Napkins, cup sleeves, lids, condiment packets, cup spill plugs, stirrers, tooth/cocktail picks, etc.

# Why Replace Disposables?

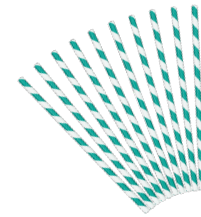
- **Improves environment:**
  - Reduces litter, chemicals in foodware, and amount of waste being sent to landfill
- **Less GHGs and use of resources in production, transportation, and disposal**
- **Help meet Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) trash reduction requirement**
- **Switching to reusables saves money**

# What is a Foodware Ordinance?

- **Regulates the type of packaging that can be used to contain food and beverages for take-out and dine-in**
- **Addresses:**
  - Reusability, compostability, recyclability, toxicity, and collection receptacles for containers
  - Packaging used for dine-in, take-out, and temporary events
- **Includes penalties for non-compliance**
- **Builds on polystyrene packaging ban**

# Key Ordinance Features

➤ **Ordinance enforced 1 year after adoption**



➤ **Takeout foodware must be:**

- Fiber-based, BPI-certified compostable (no bio-plastic)
- Aluminum allowed



➤ **Dine-in foodware must be:**

- Reusable
- Exceptions allowed for specified items, such as paper napkins, paper straws, and foil wrappers
- Plastic stirrers, cocktail sticks, plugs and toothpicks banned

- **Takeout “accessories”:**
  - Only upon request or at take-out station
  - Must be fiber-based compostable when available
  
- **Disposable Cup itemized charge (25 cents with exceptions), retained by food vendor**
  
- **Front and back of house 3-stream collection containers**

# Who is Covered?

- **Entities selling prepared food to the public (*health permit required*) in the County and in participating cities/towns including:**
  - Restaurants
  - Grocery stores and delis
  - Bakeries
  - Carry-out, quick-service, full-service
  - Farmers markets
  - Food trucks



# What Messaging Could Look Like



Bring Your Own  
Reusable is **BEST**



When dining-in at a restaurant, **reusable foodware and utensils must be provided**. Customers are allowed to bring their own containers for take-out.



Compostable or  
Aluminum is **OK**



All take-out foodware (plates, containers, cups, utensils, straws) must be **natural-fiber compostable or all-aluminum, and only available upon request**. A charge of \$0.25 will be added for disposable cups.



Plastic & Plastic-Lined  
Paper are **BANNED**



**Plastic and plastic-lined paper containers are banned**. Many paper containers are lined with thin plastic film and cannot be recycled or composted. Bio-plastics labeled as "compostable" are NOT allowed.

# Who Has a Foodware Ordinance?

- **Fairfax**
- **San Anselmo**
- **Sausalito**
- Alameda
- Berkeley
- San Francisco
- Watsonville
- Santa Cruz County
- Santa Monica
- Manhattan Beach
- San Mateo County
- Imperial Beach
- Monterey
- Palo Alto
- Arcata
- Sonoma County

- Stakeholder Feedback **from October 2019 - October 2021**
- Currently accepting public comments on the County's website
- Bring to County Board of Supervisors **no earlier than Fall 2021**
- Interested cities to follow soon after County adoption (within 6 months)
- **Enforced one year after adoption**

*To view the draft ordinance, please visit:*  
[www.marincounty.org/ehs](http://www.marincounty.org/ehs)



➤ **Business Survey**



Para Español

➤ **Marin County Reusable Foodware Grant Program**

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## Reusable Foodware Ordinance



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