



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

2026 WASTE REDUCTION RULES



TO-GO CONTAINERS



MUST BE HOME COMPOSTABLE*

The following disposable food service ware products must be provided in a home compostable form in 2024.

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| ✓ Burrito Bowls | ✓ Drinking straws | ✓ Salad bowls |
| ✓ Clamshell containers | ✓ Food boxes/folded paper takeout boxes | ✓ Serving tongs |
| ✓ Cone cups | ✓ Food contact paper/wax paper | ✓ Stirrers |
| ✓ Cup sleeves | ✓ Napkins | ✓ Takeout/catering trays/breakfast platters |
| ✓ Cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks, including paper-bundled sets) | ✓ Pizza boxes (takeout) | ✓ Tasting spoons |
| | ✓ Platters (large oval plates) | |

**Note that natural fiber items with polylactic acid (PLA) lining are allowed. Compostable plastic versions of these 16 products are not allowed unless certified by [OK Compost HOME](#).*

OTHER DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE

Any other disposable food service ware items must be:

- OK Compost HOME certified by TÜV Austria; **and/or**
- Biodegradable Product Institute (“BPI”) certified to be compostable in an industrial composting facility in a timely manner; **and/or**
- Accepted for recycling by Bainbridge Disposal*

**Bainbridge Disposal currently provides recycling collection on the Island and collects a limited number of containers for recycling that are suitable for to-go food and beverage orders. Learn more on the [Bainbridge Disposal website](#).*

WHAT DOES “HOME COMPOSTABLE” MEAN?

- Comprised of a natural fiber, **AND**
- Free of all intentionally added fluorinated chemicals (PFAS-free)*, **AND**
- Certified by [BPI](#) and/or [OK Compost HOME](#)

**[BPI](#) and [OK Compost HOME](#) certification indicates that products are PFAS-free.*



WHAT DOES NATURAL FIBER MEAN?

A plant-based, non-synthetic fiber, such as paper, wood and wood-pulp, sugar cane, bamboo, wheat stems/stalk, and hay.

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