



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

2026 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

2026 WASTE REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

REUSABLE PRODUCTS FOR ONSITE DINING: Reusable food service ware is required for onsite dining and encouraged for to-go orders. Businesses without onsite or off-site dishwashing capacity may petition the City for a full or partial one-year waiver.

HOME COMPOSTABLE TO-GO PRODUCTS: In 2026, businesses must provide the following food service ware products in a home compostable form for to-go orders:

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

WRAPPING HOT FOODS IN FOIL: Metal foil and metal foil-faced papers are allowed to wrap hot foods, such as hamburgers and burritos.

SELF-SERVICE BINS FOR SINGLE-USE, TO-GO ITEMS: The following single-use items can be made available to customers in cylinders, bins, dispensers, containers, or other means on a self-service basis for to-go order after customers affirm they want them:

- ✓ Condiments in packaging
- ✓ Utensils (home compostable)
- ✓ Beverage cup lids
- ✓ Straws (home compostable)

STYROFOAM CONTAINERS: Expanded polystyrene food service ware items (all #6 plastics and Styrofoam) are **prohibited in the City of Bainbridge Island**. In June 2024, the sale and distribution of expanded polystyrene food service products like containers, plates, bowls, clamshells, trays and cups will be banned in all of Washington State.

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