CITY OF MONTEREY CODE UPDATE:
FOOD SERVICE WARE

Information for Food Providers

Effective April 22, 2019
Applies to: All food providers, city contractors, and special event participants

REQUIRED

DINE-IN
- Non-PLA (polylactic acid) straws that are compostable (e.g. paper, pasta, sugarcane) or Reusable (e.g. metal, silicone, bamboo, glass) upon request only
- Reusable Food Service Ware (Utensils, plates, bowls, cups, etc.)

DINE-OUT
- Recyclable or compostable food service ware including but not limited to:
  - Take-out containers (e.g. Plastic #1 or #2, PLA, paper, sugarcane)
  - Utensils (e.g. bamboo, PLA)
  - Cups and lids (e.g. wheat straw, PLA)

EXEMPTION: A plastic straw shall be provided to individuals self-identifying as having a disability making the use of a plastic straw necessary (Dine-In or Dine-Out).

PROHIBITED

- Plastic food service ware including but not limited to:
  - straws, utensils, stirrers, cup lids (not recyclable)
  - PLA or bioplastic straws
  - Plastic containers #3, #4, #5, and #6 (not recyclable)
  - Any disposable food service ware for dine-in customers (must be reusable)

GENERAL REMINDERS

- It is strongly recommended that concerned parties read the full text of the Monterey City Code, Chapter 14, Article 3 available online at www.codepublishing.com/CA/Monterey
- PLA products may be placed in food waste or garbage carts and all food soiled cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes) must be placed in the garbage – not recycling carts.
- When in doubt about whether a product is recyclable, consult the What Goes Where app or www.whatgoeswhere.info.

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