

CITY OF SAN MATEO FOODWARE ORDINANCE NOTICE

San Mateo Municipal Code Chapter 5.89
and State Law AB 1276

As of October 1, 2022

Single-use **accessories**, like utensils, napkins, and straws:

- (1) **Cannot be bundled**
- (2) Provided by **request only** and/or at **dispensers** that dispense one item at a time
- (3) **Offered** only at airports and drive-throughs

Refillable condiment dispensers are allowed.

Most single-use foodware must be made of **compostable natural fiber**, like paper and bamboo, instead of plastic.

Compostable plastic foodware (a.k.a. PLA, bioplastics) is not allowed (except for lining of items).

Larger single-use foodware (i.e., clamshells, cups, etc.) must be approved by an entity approved by the County of San Mateo (e.g., Biodegradable Products Institute, Compost Manufacturing Alliance, etc.).



For more details, visit
smcfoodware.org

