

Alternatives to Single-Use Plastics

Drinks

BEST



- Reusables for on-site dining
- Reusable cup program

ACCEPTABLE



- Paper cups, including those lined with compostable or other permitted plastic*
- Cups and lids made from easily recyclable plastic, such as PET (#1), HDPE (#2) and PP (#5)

AVOID



- Polystyrene foam cups
- Hard-to-recycle plastic cups and lids, including those made with MFPP, compostable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable plastic

Food

BEST



- Reusables for on-site dining
- Reusable container program

ACCEPTABLE



- Paper or plant-fibre containers, including those lined with compostable or other permitted plastic*
- Aluminium foil containers
- Containers made from easily recyclable plastic, such as PET (#1), HDPE (#2) and PP (#5)

AVOID



- Polystyrene foam containers
- Hard-to-recycle plastic containers and lids, including those made with MFPP, compostable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable plastic

Utensils

BEST



- Reusables for on-site dining, including chopsticks

ACCEPTABLE



- Uncoated wood utensils, distributed only on request or at a self-serve station

AVOID



- Plastic utensils, including those made with compostable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable plastic

Shopping bags

BEST



- Reusable bags brought by customers
- Reusable bag program

ACCEPTABLE



- Reusable bags** on request***
- Paper bags (at least 40% recycled content) on request***

AVOID



- Plastic bags

Straws

BEST



- Cups that don't require straws

ACCEPTABLE



- Paper straws, distributed only on request or at a self-serve station

AVOID



- Plastic straws (unless needed for accessibility), including those made with compostable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable plastic

* Plastic-lined paper packaging should be cleaned and recycled, not composted.

** Reusable bags must be durable – designed to be re-used and machine-washed at least 100 times.

*** Charge a minimum \$2 fee for reusable bags and \$0.25 fee for paper bags.