

# Food Packaging Requirements

- All food service businesses in Seattle must provide compostable or recyclable service products and take-out packaging.
- All food service businesses in Seattle using compostable or recyclable service products for food consumed on the premises will need to provide bins for proper collection of these materials.



## Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.086)

Requires restaurants and other food service businesses selling or providing food for consumption on or off premises in one-time use service ware or packaging to use compostable or recyclable packaging.

**WHO:** All food service businesses including restaurants, cafés, grocery stores, delis, bakeries, bars, food courts, vending trucks, events, and all other categories of food service businesses.

**WHAT:** All food service businesses are prohibited from using plastic foam service products or packaging and, in order to reduce the amount of garbage sent to the landfill, may use other plastic or plastic-coated paper products only if they are collected for recycling. Businesses may use approved compostable food service products which are the City's preferred alternative to throw-away plastic items.

**WHEN:** Effective July 1, 2010. Early adopters may be eligible to receive discounts on products and rebates for collection services.

**WHY:** The use of disposable food packaging is a wasteful practice which results in negative environmental impacts including litter and increased landfill-bound waste. By switching to recyclable or compostable packaging, businesses can reduce their garbage service and save money. Using compostable products allows for an easy, one-step disposal of food waste and service ware into a Compostables Only collection bin.

**HOW:** Contact the Resource Venture, Seattle's free service with information, assistance, and referrals, for businesses who want to improve their environmental performance and save money.

For interpretation services please call 206-684-3000.

如需要口譯服務,請撥電話號碼。

통역 서비스를 원하시면 206-684-3000으로 전화하세요.

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Para servicios de interpretación por favor llame al.

Para sa serbisyo ng tagapagpaliwanag, tumawag sa.

Về dịch vụ phiên dịch xin gọi.

**Resource Venture**

[www.resourceventure.org](http://www.resourceventure.org)

206-343-8505

# Resources

www.resourceventure.org

Free assistance for food service businesses to comply with food packaging requirements.

## Posters

Order FREE standard posters and bin labels or create your own custom posters at the Resource Venture website.



**Food+ Compostables**

**Food**



**Food Soiled Paper**



Uncoated Paper Plates

**Approved Compostable Packaging**



**NO Plastic. NO Metal. NO Glass.**

Seattle & Public Utilities For more information call 206-343-8505.



**Recycling**

**Cans & Bottles**



**Empty Cups**



**Clean Plastic Containers & Lids**



**Paper & Empty Cartons**



**ITEMS MUST BE EMPTY AND CLEAN**

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**Garbage**



Snack Bags Wrappers

Condiment Packages

Plastic Disposable Utensils Caps Soiled Foil

Foam Containers Straws Foam Trays

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## Bin Labels



**Food+ Compostables**



**Recycling**



**Garbage**

## Vendor Information

Contact Resource Venture for more packaging, bin, and service vendor information.



**Packaging**

Approved compostable packaging, and contacts for manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers of compostable and recyclable packaging.



**Collection Bins**

Suggested collection bins and contacts for manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers of collection bins.



**Collection Services**

Suggested collection vendors for compostables and recyclables.