

# Plastic Alternative Guide

## Food & Beverage Foodware Recommendations



The City of Irvine is actively educating the community on how businesses, residents, and City facilities can replace single-use plastics with reusable or non-plastic items.

By reducing single-use plastics, we can protect our environment and communities. Please consider using reusables whenever possible, and refer to our list of recommended non-plastic alternatives when needed.



### REDUCING YOUR BUSINESS COSTS

*Reusables reduce the frequency of purchases and disposal costs. This switch leads to long-term savings.*

#### Long-Term Savings

- Plastics and alternatives are often comparable in costs.

#### Waste Management Savings

- Using reusables reduces trash hauling fees due to less waste.

#### Cost-Cutting Strategies

- Use dispensers for straws and napkins to reduce unnecessary waste.
- Offer bulk condiments to further reduce costs.
- Train staff to give out disposable items only upon request.



### ATTRACTING NEW CUSTOMERS AND EARN THEIR LOYALTY

*Numerous California cities and counties, covering over 18 million people, have implemented single-use plastic reduction efforts.*

#### Environmentally Conscious Businesses

- Create positive public perception and brand recognition.
- Attract new customers and reward them for sustainable behavior changes, securing loyalty.
- Increase revenue.
- Reduce waste and conserve resources.
- Increase sustainable consumption.



### ECOLOGICAL HEALTH & SUSTAINABILITY

*Reusables lessen the impact of fossil fuel extraction, manufacturing, and waste management.*

#### Reduction of Plastic Pollution

- Reusable and non-plastic items significantly reduce plastic waste in the environment. This change creates healthier ecosystems and cleaner water ways.

#### Lowering Carbon Footprint

- Single-use plastics contribute to greenhouse gas emissions throughout their lifecycle.
- By switching to reusables and non-plastic items, businesses can reduce their carbon footprint and help combat climate change.

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# Save money and the environment!

*Reusable foodware can reduce costs for your business.*

	Reusable	Lifetime	Disposable
	<b>1 ceramic plate</b> 9 in. \$1.39	<b>1000 uses</b>	<b>1,000 plates</b> Paper with plastic \$12.74 Paper \$21.97 Compostable \$77.90 Styrofoam \$36.86
	<b>1 metal fork</b> \$0.12 <b>1 metal knife</b> \$0.29 <b>1 metal spoon</b> \$0.10	<b>1000 uses</b>	<b>1,000 flatware</b> Plastic fork \$6.29 Plastic knife \$6.29 Plastic spoon \$6.29 Set of 3 \$32.98
	<b>1 ceramic mug</b> 12 oz. \$2.95	<b>500 uses</b>	<b>500 hot cups</b> Paper with plastic \$26.65 Compostable \$38.48
	<b>1 glass cup</b> 12 oz. \$1.54	<b>1000 uses</b>	<b>1,000 cold cups</b> Plastic \$47.70 Compostable \$96.94
	<b>1 plastic basket</b> red \$0.27	<b>100 uses</b>	<b>100 baskets</b> Clay-coated paper \$1.21

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# Foodware

## Recommended Takeout Containers / Clamshells



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Aluminum Foil	<a href="#">Webstaurant</a>	\$0.11 per container
Paper	<a href="#">Sabert</a>	\$0.20 per container
Sugarcane Fibers	<a href="#">Green Paper Products (Tellus)</a>	\$0.25 per container
Bamboo, Plant Fibers	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.17 per container
Recycled Paper	<a href="#">Bunzl</a>	\$0.25 per unit

## Recommended Single-Use Utensils



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Bamboo	<a href="#">Dixie Compostable Spoon</a>	\$0.12 per unit
Bamboo	<a href="#">Dixie Compostable Fork</a>	\$0.12 per unit
Bamboo	<a href="#">Dixie Compostable Knife</a>	\$0.14 per unit
Bamboo	<a href="#">Bambu</a>	\$0.27 per unit
Wood	<a href="#">Front of the House</a>	\$0.08 per unit
Wood	<a href="#">Woodable</a>	\$0.09 per unit
Bamboo	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.32 per cutlery set including napkin
Birch Wood	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.06 per unit
Edible Composite	<a href="#">Incredible Eats</a>	\$0.13 per unit
Wood	<a href="#">PackNWood</a>	\$0.05 per unit

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## Recommended Single-Use Plates



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Ecosmart Paper	<a href="#">Dixie/Staples Advantage</a>	\$0.18 per plate
Compostable Paper	<a href="#">Perk/Staples Advantage</a>	\$0.11
Compostable Paper	<a href="#">Perk/Staples Advantage</a>	\$0.13
Palm Leaves	<a href="#">VerTerra</a>	\$0.43 per plate
Bamboo	<a href="#">Bambu</a>	\$0.88 per plate
Areca Palm Leaves	<a href="#">The Clear Conscience</a>	\$0.63 per plate
Bamboo and Plant Fiber	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.06 per plate
Sugarcane Fiber	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.09 per plate
Palm Leaf	<a href="#">PackNWood</a>	\$0.32 per unit
Paper	<a href="#">Bunzl</a>	\$0.04 per unit
Paper	<a href="#">On Time Supplies</a>	\$0.03 per unit

## Recommended Single-Use Bowls



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Compostable Paper	<a href="#">Perk/Staples Advantage</a>	\$0.08 per bowl
Palm Leaves	<a href="#">VerTerra</a>	\$1.44 per item
Palm Leaves	<a href="#">The Clear Conscience</a>	\$0.68 per item
Aluminum	<a href="#">Webstaurant</a>	\$0.04 per item
Bamboo, Plant Fibers	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.10 per bowl
Plant Fibers	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.10 per bowl
Paper	<a href="#">PackNWood</a>	\$0.15 per bowl

# Drinkware

## Recommended Sustainable Single-Use Straws



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Wheat	<a href="#">Holy City Straw Company</a>	\$0.03 per straw
Reed Plant Stems	<a href="#">Holy City Straw Company</a>	\$0.11 per straw
Paper	<a href="#">Aardvark Straws</a>	\$0.04 per straw
Paper	<a href="#">Aardvark Straws</a>	\$0.07 per straw
Seaweed	<a href="#">Loliware</a>	Contact Company for Pricing
Food Products (Edible)	<a href="#">Sorbos</a>	\$0.30 per straw
Pasta	<a href="#">Pasta Life</a>	\$0.05 per straw
Pasta	<a href="#">Pasta Life</a>	\$0.08 per straw

## Recommended Single-Use Cups



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Bamboo Paper	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.17 per cup
Sugarcane Paper	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.1 per cup
Compostable Paper	<a href="#">Perk/Staples Advantage</a>	\$0.08 per cup
Paper	<a href="#">PackNWood</a>	\$0.21 per cup
Paper	<a href="#">Bunzl</a>	\$0.02 per cup
Paper	<a href="#">Amazon</a>	\$0.16 per cup
Paper	<a href="#">Amazon</a>	\$0.15 per cup

## Recommended Stirrers



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Wood	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.01 per stirrer
Wood	<a href="#">Webstaurant</a>	\$0.002 per stirrer
Wood	<a href="#">Wasserstrom</a>	\$0.01 per stirrer
Wood	<a href="#">Royal/Staples Advantage</a>	\$0.005 per stirrer
Wood	<a href="#">Royal/Staples Advantage</a>	\$0.003 per stirrer
Bamboo	<a href="#">Amazon</a>	\$0.008 per stirrer

# Drinkware

## Recommended Lids



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Unbleached plant fiber	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.08 per lid
Unbleached plant fiber	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.07 per lid
Staples Compostable	<a href="#">Perk/Staples Advantage</a>	\$0.07 per lid
Sugarcane fiber	<a href="#">Webstaurant</a>	\$0.05 per lid
Bagasse	<a href="#">Amazon</a>	\$0.06 per lid

## Recommended Lid Plugs



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Poplar wood	<a href="#">Green Paper Products</a>	\$0.05 per lid plug
Wood	<a href="#">Pick On Us</a>	\$0.06 per lid plug
Wood	<a href="#">Amazon</a>	\$0.07 per lid plug

## Recommended Water Bottles



Material	Brand/Link	Price
Aluminum	<a href="#">RAIN</a>	\$1.25 per bottle
Aluminum	<a href="#">Open Water</a>	\$1.34 per bottle
Aluminum	<a href="#">Open Water</a>	\$0.79 per can
Aluminum	<a href="#">Just Water</a>	\$2.47 per bottle
Aluminum	<a href="#">CannedWater4Kids</a>	<\$0.99 per can (special pricing in bulk)

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