

#### **What counts as a food service accessory?** Single-use items often given to customers with prepared food and drinks.

## What you need to know

As of December 20, 2023, B.C. food service providers can no longer offer single-use (disposable) plastic utensils.



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Food services providers can give out other disposable items only on request and at self-serve stations.



# What you need to do

### 1. Stop using plastic utensils

Don't provide customers with single-use plastic knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks, stir sticks or splash plugs – including those made partly of plastic and those made with compostable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable plastic.

### 2. Stop offering packets of single-use items

Don't provide customers with bundled disposables, such as a fork and knife or chopsticks packaged together with a napkin.

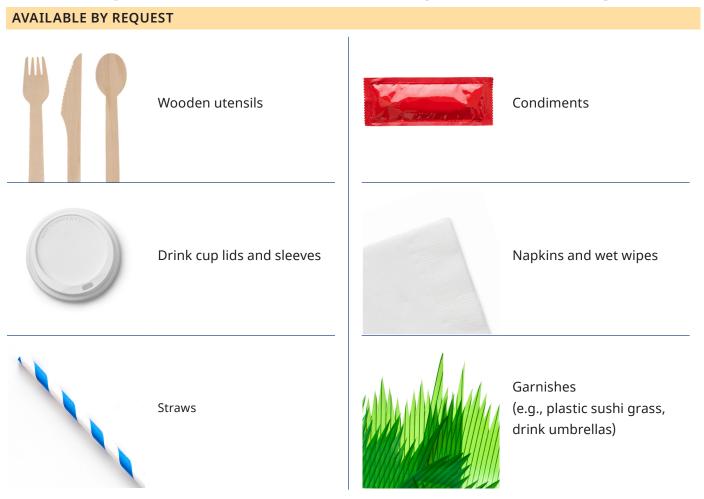
#### 3. Only provide other single-use accessories on request

Don't automatically give out disposables. These items are only to be provided when a customer asks for them, takes them from a self-serve station, or accepts them when offered by staff or through an online order form.

### 4. Keep records

If you operate an online food-delivery platform and take orders for more than one food service provider, you need to keep a record of the percentage of deliveries that request or accept food service accessories. Records must be kept for two calendar years.

# What single-use accessories can be provided on request?



#### These items are exempt in **some situations** under the regulation

#### EXEMPTIONS



Lids for drinks purchased at a drive-through window or for delivery or pick-up



Single-use accessories (individual or bundled) for use in care facilities

## This fact sheet is part of a toolkit produced to help B.C. businesses comply with the regulation.

**Looking for options to single-use plastics?** Find our handy alternatives guide, plus fact sheets on other restricted items and additional printable tools – including posters and signs that you can use to inform your staff and customers – at **gov.bc.ca/reuse**.



Through the Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation, B.C. is phasing out many hard-to-recycle single-use plastic items – reducing waste, protecting our environment, and creating a cleaner future for all British Columbians.



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