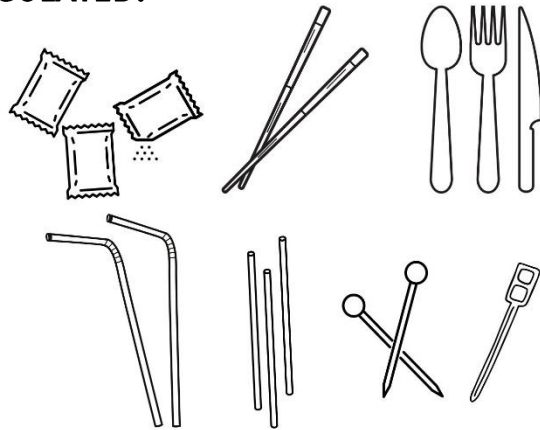


Effective January 1, 2022, California's Assembly Bill 1276 prohibits food facilities from providing certain single-use foodware accessories and condiments unless requested by the consumer. It aims to reduce unnecessary waste of disposable items included with food orders.

## WHAT TYPES OF SINGLE-USE ITEMS ARE REGULATED?

- Utensils (forks, knives, spoons, sporks)
- Chopsticks
- Condiment cups and packets
- Straws
- Stirrers
- Splash sticks
- Cocktail sticks



## WHO DOES THE NEW LAW APPLY TO?



- All food facilities (as defined by Section 113789 of CA Retail Food Code): permanent and nonpermanent retail food operations such as restaurants, fast food, coffee shops, catering, farmers' markets and food trucks.
  - Exemptions: Health care facilities, residential care facilities, public and private school cafeterias, or correctional institutions.
- Third-party food delivery platforms have requirements as further described below.

## AB 1276 REQUIREMENTS:

- Single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments packaged for single use cannot be provided unless requested by the consumer.
- Single-use foodware accessories cannot be bundled or packaged in a way that prohibits the consumer from taking only the item desired.
- Third-party food delivery platforms shall provide consumers with a menu option to request single-use foodware accessories or standard condiments from a food facility.
- Food facilities using third-party food delivery platforms must list on their menu the available single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments and only provide the specific items requested by the consumer when preparing an order.

## AB 1276 Food Facility Guidelines

### DOs

-  If desired, post a sign that says accessory items and condiments are available on request
-  Provide only the individual accessory item or condiment requested by the consumer
-  Customize menu for third-party delivery platforms to list available accessories and condiments
-  Provide individual unwrapped accessory items and condiments in self-serve stations (refillable dispensers preferred)

### DON'Ts

-  Ask consumers if they want accessory items or packaged condiments, except when taking a drive-through order
-  Provide single-use accessories and standard condiments that are bundled or packaged together
-  Provide accessory items or standard condiments with takeout orders unless each item was requested
-  Place wrapped or bundled accessory items in a self-serve station

### ENFORCEMENT

AB 1276 took effect January 1, 2022. The City of Mountain View is the local enforcement agency for this law and will support business compliance through education. Repeated non-compliance shall result in fines.

### RESOURCES

Visit [MountainView.gov/FoodFacilities](https://MountainView.gov/FoodFacilities) for more information about Mountain View's foodware regulations, fact sheets for your business and sample signage to educate your customers. Ready to eliminate single-use foodware and switch to reusables? Technical and financial assistance may be available. Visit our [website](#) for more details.