



Choosing Sustainable Cups, Containers and Cutlery

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- Businesses are encouraged to use reusable items or single-use options that are accepted in Edmonton's recycling program.
- If your business uses cups, containers or other food serveware labelled as compostable, check with your waste collection company to ensure they can be properly processed.

Cups

Containers

Cutlery



Best

- Use reusable cups for dine-in
- Accept clean, reusable cups from customers
- Participate in a program that provides returnable, reusable travel cups



- Use reusables for food to be consumed on-site
- Accept clean, reusable containers from customers
- Provide containers that can be reused at home by customers



- Use reusables for food to be consumed on-site



Acceptable

Look for single-use options that are accepted in Edmonton's recycling and food scraps processing programs.

- Recyclable plastic cups
Currently, no paper cups are accepted for recycling by the City.



- Recyclable plastics
- Recyclable unlined cardboard and pulp (similar to egg cartons)
- Recyclable aluminum



- Single-use cutlery is acceptable, but its use should be limited (wood, bamboo, plastics other than polystyrene or polyethylene)



Avoid

Check with your waste collection company to ensure items labelled as compostable can be properly processed.

- Paper cups or containers lined with plastic or wax
- Compostable/biodegradable plastic cups and containers, including paper lined with compostable plastic



Single-use wooden cutlery can be composted by the City.

If you choose cutlery labelled as compostable, check with your waste collection company to ensure they can be properly processed.



For the most current waste sorting information, download the **WasteWise app** or use the tool online at edmonton.ca/Waste

For a list of local suppliers of alternatives to foam plates, containers, etc., visit edmonton.ca/SingleUse

