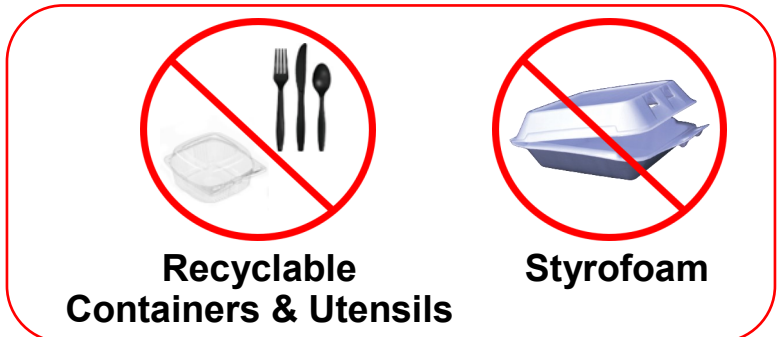


Food Service Ware Requirements

Beginning **July 1 2024**, SEA tenants providing food service in the terminal must use only **reusable or approved compostable food service ware**:

- **Reusables required in sit-down restaurants with dishwashing**
- **Approved compostables required for single-use disposables**
- *Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam) items are prohibited*

Visit [SEA Airport Rules & Regulations \(Section 5.N Food Service Ware and Packaging\)](#) for details



Requirements apply to **all tenants** providing food service in the terminal, including Airport Dining and Retail Concessionaires and Airport Lounges.

Single-use disposable food service ware items are required to be compostable⁺, including but not limited to:

- Containers
- Plates
- Bowls
- Clamshells
- Deli Sheets
- Utensils
- Serving Trays
- Hot & Cold Cups
- Portion Cups
- Wrappers

*Products made of 100% wood, fiber, or paper with no metal or plastic linings are also accepted by SEA's composter.

⁺Exemptions: Prepackaged food sealed offsite; foil and engineered wrapping paper for hot foods.

Find Cedar Grove/Compost Manufacturing Alliance (CMA-I list) approved products: bit.ly/CMA-List

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Frequently Asked Questions

What does compostable mean?

Compostable products are made of materials like plant-based plastics (PLA), plant fiber, wood, or paper. At commercial compost facilities, these products are broken down into soil amendments that can be used in agriculture or landscaping.

What are approved compostable products?

These products are certified compostable by a third-party. In SEA's case, they must be Compost Manufacturing Alliance certified and on their CMA-I product list (bit.ly/CMA-List). In Washington, compostable products must be labeled with the word “compostable” and include beige, brown, or green coloring or shading and a third-party certification logo, where practical.

What if an approved product becomes unavailable?

SEA Airport understands that certain approved compostable products may be occasionally unavailable. In such cases, businesses may use alternative compostable or recyclable products for short-term outages less than thirty days. Businesses must return to using approved compostable items at the earliest opportunity and provide clear messaging at point-of-sale so customers can properly dispose of their materials.

How can businesses request waivers for long-term outages?

Food service businesses can request item-specific temporary (less than one year) waivers by submitting a letter and documentation to their Airport Dining and Retain (ADR) Manager that describes how specific items are not available, are unacceptable to franchise agreements or brand standards, or would cause undue financial hardship. ADR and Environmental staff will review the waiver request and respond either granting or denying the request.

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