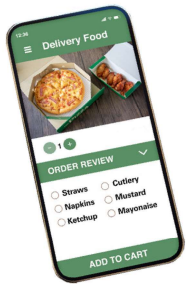


Reduce single-use items in your business

Ask first

Place straws, cutlery, napkins, condiments and stir sticks behind the counter. Ask your customers first if they want them.

Add an option to your website or delivery app so customers can request the straws, cutlery and condiments that they need when they order.



Choose reusables

Encourage customers to bring a reusable bag, beverage cup or takeout containers for food, drink and other products. Provide reusable cups and containers for dining in. Consider offering or participating in a reusable container program or service.



Is it recyclable?

Some materials, like black plastic, cannot be recycled in the City of Toronto's recycling program. Choosing materials that can be recycled, such as clear clamshell containers and non-black coloured plastics, can help divert waste from landfill.



Go foam free

Polystyrene "foam" containers can have serious impacts on human health and the environment, and are difficult and costly to recycle. Many businesses have successfully transitioned from using foam cups and takeout containers to recyclable alternatives or a reusable container program.



No compostable plastics in the Green Bin

Plastic items labelled as compostable or biodegradable are not accepted in recycling or the Green Bin. Reusable items are a better step towards reducing waste.

