




# Single-use Serviceware Law

For Food Industry Businesses

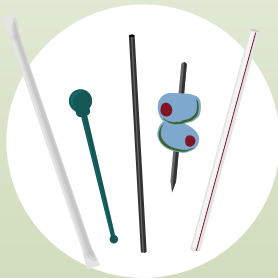


-  Customers may request, confirm, or select their own single-use items
-  Reusables can help reduce business waste and costs
-  Business may not provide single-use items by default

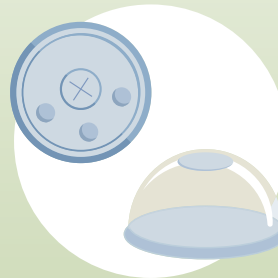
## Single-use items or utensils include:



Knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks



Cocktail picks, splash sticks, stirrers, straws



Cold beverage cup lids



Sauce or condiment packets, sachets, or containers

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- Businesses may not provide customers with single-use serviceware items by default
- Customers can confirm they want items when asked by a business, request items, or select items from a self-service station at the establishment
- Single-use items/utensils include:
  - knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks
  - cocktail picks, splash sticks, stirrers
  - straws
  - condiment packages
  - cold beverage cup lids
- Single-use items must not be packaged together in bundles such that customers cannot select individual items
- This law does not apply to items including:
  - Plates, bowls, or cups or other single-use packaging to contain food or beverages
  - Hot beverage lids
  - Wrappers for takeout items
  - Single-use items provided at medical/care facilities
- Cold beverage lids may only be provided by default at drive-through, large permanent venues for professional sports or music events (minimum capacity of 2,500 customers).
- To reduce waste, we encourage the use of reusable utensils when possible.
- Read the law details by searching RCW 70A.245.080

## Questions?

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**Pre-packaged  
single-use utensils  
are not allowed**



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