

New Single-Use Plastic Restrictions Go into Effect in 2022

A new California law, AB 1276, reduces single-use items that come with food orders.

Single-use items include:

- Straws
- Stir sticks
- Chopsticks
- Utensils
- Condiment packets
- Napkins
- Cup spill plugs

Here are the restrictions your business needs to be aware of:

- Plastic utensils, napkins and sauce packets cannot be automatically included with to-go or delivery orders
- Plastic utensils must be unbundled
- All ordering platforms (apps, websites, phone, in-person) must provide an "opt-in" option for customer to receive plastic ware with an order*
- Customers must ask for stir sticks, cup spill plugs for hot drinks and straws when they order drinks.

The law applies to orders taken in-person, by phone or online, and will take effect June 1, 2022. Non-compliant businesses can be penalized.

Visit www.morganhill.ca.gov/2332/Single-Use-Foodware-Legislation for more information.

*Restaurants are responsible for ensuring their third party take-out and delivery vendors provide an opt-in option.

“Would you like plastic utensils with your order?
 YES NO”

