

From: [Griffis, Amanda](#)
To: [Melendez, Ryan](#); [Briggs, David](#); [Alexis Mangola](#)
Subject: RE: compostable cups
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:59:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Ryan

The unfortunate answer is, at least as far as I'm aware, there is no type or brand of cup hot or cold that is accepted in the compost up valley.

Thanks,

Amanda

From: Melendez, Ryan <ryan.melendez@countyofnapa.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:37 AM
To: Griffis, Amanda <Amanda.Griffis@countyofnapa.org>; Briggs, David <DAVID.BRIGGS@countyofnapa.org>; Lexi Mangola <Lexi@uvds.com>
Subject: FW: compostable cups

Good morning, Amanda, Dave, and Lexi,

I received this question from Laura at Keenan Winery in St. Helena regarding the proposed Reusable and Compostable Foodware Ordinance that the County will be considering in November. I've asked her to send me the link to the cup product they use in their tasting room, but I'm wondering if you all know of a cup alternative that would be accepted for compostable at UVDS?

Thanks,
Ryan



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From: Laura March <laura@keenanwinery.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 1:40 PM

To: Melendez, Ryan <ryan.melendez@countyofnapa.org>

Subject: compostable cups

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Hi Ryan

We got a notice about the possibility of the new ordinance for foodware. We use compostable cups in the tasting room but Upper Valley Disposal says we cannot compost them so we end up throwing them away. We cannot use water glasses as we just don't have enough staff to wash that many glasses. I see the notice is mostly for restaurants but do you have a recommendation for cups we can use in the tasting room? Is the compostable cups okay to throw away? We already separate everything.

Thank you

Laura

From: [Naama Brenner-Abramovitch](#)
To: [Melendez, Ryan](#)
Subject: RE: Foodware ordinance concerns
Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 2:46:08 PM
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Hi Ryan,

Great seeing you on Friday.

Here are my 2 main concerns -

1. **Waiver for On-Premises Dine-In:** 5.80.30 – Section 3 - includes waivers for on-premises dine-in without a specified time limit. This could lead to indefinite exemptions, undermining the ordinance’s intent.
2. **Compliance for New Businesses:** The current ordinance does not require new businesses to comply with reusable practices for on-premises dining.
 - Here is the language that Napa Climate NOW! had in their draft ordinance – “Zoning permits and business licenses for Food Vendors applied for, renewed, and/or deemed complete on or after the effective date of this Ordinance shall only be granted to Food Vendors that demonstrate compliance with Section C.1.a. (Reusable foodware for dining on premises requirement) Installation and/or maintenance of appropriate dishwashing capacity shall be included as a specific condition of approval for such permits and licenses.”
3. **Self-Service station** – another concern that I wanted to raise is the Self-Service station at the off-premises section. If there is a charge for the disposable single use products as part of the ordinance, there should not be a self-service station that offers the same items at no charge for people. Self-Service station should only have reusable products offered.
 - a. “Food providers for delivery, takeout, or curbside pickup shall provide disposable foodware accessories, which are compostable, and single-use condiments only on request ~~or at self-serve stations~~ for food and beverages consumed off-premises.

Let me know if you have any questions,

Have a great day,

Naama

From: Melendez, Ryan <ryan.melendez@countyofnapa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 1:32 PM
To: Naama Brenner-Abramovitch <Naama@naparecycling.com>
Subject: Foodware ordinance concerns

Hi Naama,

Can you send me an email highlighting your concerns for the current version of the foodware ordinance? I'm working on the staff report and want to include your correspondence in the item.

I remember one about the lack of time period for waivers, but can't remember everything.

Thanks,
Ryan



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From: [Russ Joy](#)
To: [Melendez, Ryan](#)
Subject: Potential ordinance
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Hello Ryan,

I've read the letter announcing the potential ordinance. Like other rules, regulations, laws, etc. I resent as I feel laws or ordinances are made for the bad eggs. We are over-regulated as it is.

Here's an idea, I see this here at work, in our church, etc.: People are confused as to what qualifies as recyclable, compostable, trash. They toss items in the wrong bins. More education is needed and something to make the decision easier, like incentives vs ordinances. I know you are trying and that is appreciated.

Just a thought (or two).

Good luck,

Russ

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