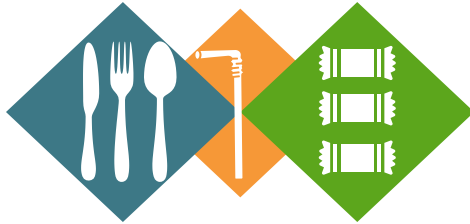




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AB 1276 Single-Use Foodware Accessories and Standard Condiments

Beginning January 1, 2022, **Assembly Bill 1276 (AB 1276)** prohibits food facilities from providing any single-use foodware accessory or standard condiment to a consumer unless requested by the consumer. By limiting these items to upon request only, AB 1276 seeks to eliminate the unnecessary waste these items create. These often unused items take up valuable landfill space, contaminate recycling processes, and pollute our local streets and waterways.

AB 1276 includes the following items as “**single-use foodware accessory**”:

1. Utensils, which is defined as forks, knives, spoons, and sporks
2. Chopsticks
3. Condiment cups and packets
4. Straws
5. Stirrers
6. Splash sticks
7. Cocktail sticks

Under AB 1276, “**standard condiments**” include: relishes, spices, sauces, confections, or seasoning that require no additional preparation and that are usually used on a food item after preparation, including ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, soy sauce, hot sauce, salsa, salt pepper, sugar, and sugar substitutes.

Food facilities, including food delivery services, must only provide single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments upon customer request. Single-use accessories and condiments must not be bundled or packaged in a way that prohibits the consumer from taking only the item desired. In self-serve areas, unwrapped single-use foodware accessories must be dispensed one at a time. Drive throughs and public use airports may offer the items needed to eat or prevent spillage of the ready-to-eat food. Third-party delivery platforms must list on their menu the availability of single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments and only provide those items when requested.

This law does not apply to correctional institutions, health care facilities, residential care facilities, public and private school cafeterias.

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