



# TENANT ALERT

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## New State Mandate Regarding Single-Use Serviceware

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This year, Washington State implemented a [new state law](#) aimed at reducing the use of single-use plastics and increasing recycled content in bottles and trash bags. The law supports many of the recommendations in Washington's [plastics study](#) and [waste reduction and recycling goals](#).

**As part of this law, no single-use utensils or serviceware may be included with takeout meals unless customers request it in WA starting January 1, 2022.**

The Washington State Department of Ecology has created several helpful resources for this new mandate:

- A [website](#) for understanding the new regulation and how to stay compliant.
- [Downloadable toolkit](#) and outreach materials, including flyers, graphics, social media and more to help understand and communicate the law's new requirements.

Upstream Solutions has also released [a link](#) to third-party takeout reusable food containers that may aid tenants in complying with regulation.

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