TENANT ALERT

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.
- A [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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