

# New “Upon Request” Law in Effect for Food Businesses Across Westchester County, as of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023!

To reduce waste and ensure a more sustainable future, Westchester County has passed legislation requiring that food service establishments only provide single-use food-ware items to customers upon request.

Single-use food-ware items include, but are not limited to, utensils, condiment packets, cup sleeves, and beverage lids. This initiative applies to dine-in, take-out, and online orders.

These items **CAN NOT** be recycled! Residents are encouraged to ask for single-use items only when needed.

For more information, see the attached consumer fact sheet.

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# UPON REQUEST

## WESTCHESTER'S NEW GUIDELINES TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE WASTE

To reduce waste, including plastic waste, Westchester now requires consumers to **ask for the single-use foodware items** they need. This includes when ordering in person, online or through a food delivery app.



-  **Customers may request single-use foodware items or condiments individually**  

-  **Reducing waste can help lower business and consumer costs and improve our environment**
-  **Businesses may not provide bundled single-use items or items by default**  

-  **Plastic beverage stirrers or splash sticks are no longer permitted**  


No food service establishment will provide single-use foodware or condiment packets to any dine-in or take-away customer unless specifically requested. Items include forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks, cup sleeves, beverage lids and condiment packets or cups.

For more information, contact the Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5425.

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