

Quick facts

Reusables are the most sustainable option.

Studies clearly show that reusable products have the lowest environmental impact.

Fibre-based (paper) takeout containers are great because they do not need to be rinsed clean prior to disposal in the compost organics stream. This is particularly helpful when disposing of containers on the village stroll where it isn't possible to rinse containers. Fibre-based containers coated in plastic or that have a sticker on them cannot be composted.

Plastic containers and cups made from polyethylene terephthalate (PET), high density polyethylene (HDPE) and polypropylene (PP) are easily recycled in British Columbia.

These containers must be rinsed clean in order to be recycled.

Plastics labelled as "compostable" are a challenge for composting and recycling programs in BC and therefore are being banned by the Province.

Even when certified, many compostable plastics may not break down at regional composting facilities and are also not recyclable.

If your business uses bags:

- Distribute by-request only
- Charge fees for reusable and paper shopping bags - minimum \$2 for reusable and minimum 25 cents for paper
- Source high quality reusable bags capable of being used and machine washed at least 100 times
- If using paper bags, choose bags that contain at least 40% recycled paper content
- Avoid plastic bags

If your business uses straws:

- Use sippy cup lids that don't require straws
- Distribute paper straws by-request only
- Avoid plastic straws – including plastic straws labelled compostable or biodegradable

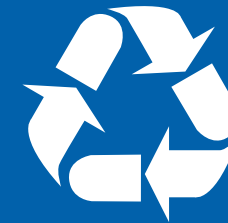
For other business resources related to waste management visit whistler.ca/waste. For information related to the Provincial Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation visit gov.bc.ca/reuse.

Questions? Email: zerowaste@whistler.ca








Sustainable Takeout Guide

Product and purchasing guidelines for Whistler's food service businesses

Resort Municipality of Whistler



Disclaimer: This guide is not intended to inform food safety. Businesses must follow food safe procedures established by the local health authority.

		Cups		Containers		Utensils	
		Cold Beverages	Hot Beverages				
Best	Reusable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide reusable cups for on-site dining ✓ Choose durable reusable cups that can be used and washed many times ✓ Participate in a reusable cup program 		Reusable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide reusable containers for on-site dining ✓ Choose durable reusable containers that can be used and washed many time ✓ Participate in a reusable container program 		Reusable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide reusable utensils for on-site dining, including chopsticks 		
	Good	Recyclable plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Choose cups and lids made from easily recyclable plastic, such as PET (#1), HDPE (#2) and PP (#5) 	Paper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Choose recyclable paper cups ✓ Choose lids made from easily recyclable plastic such as PET (#1), HDPE (#2) and PP (#5) ✓ Choose a paper sleeve made with high recycled content 	Compostable fibre, recyclable plastic or aluminum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If possible, choose unlined fibre-based (paper) containers ✓ If necessary, choose heat-safe plastic or aluminum containers with a cardboard lid for wet, hot foods ✓ Plastic and aluminum containers cannot be recycled on the stroll as they cannot be rinsed ✓ Containers made from easily recyclable plastics, such as PET (#1) HDPE (#2) and PP (#5) 		Wood-fibre or bamboo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Choose uncoated wood products over bamboo where possible ✓ Distribute only on request or at a self serve station 	
Not Supported		Compostable plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊘ Cups and lids that look like plastic but are labelled as compostable or biodegradable are not supported in our systems 	Foam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊘ Foam cups are not supported in our systems 	Compostable plastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊘ Containers that look like plastic but are labelled as compostable or biodegradable are not supported in our systems 	Foam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊘ Foam containers or foam lids for use with aluminum containers are not supported in our systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊘ Plastic utensils or utensils that look like plastic but are labelled as compostable or biodegradable are not supported in our systems 	