

Zero Waste Packaging Ordinance 2019 Acceptable Materials and Exemption List

Acceptable Materials

Recyclable Packaging – The following materials meet the definition for “Recyclable Packaging” in subsection 12.202(f)(2) of the ordinance.

1. Plastic
 - a. Polyethylene Terephthalate (#1 PET or PETE)
 - b. High Density Polyethylene (#2 HDPE)
 - c. Polypropylene (#5 PP)
2. Metal
 - a. Aluminum (foil and containers)

Compostable Packaging – The following materials meet the definition for “Compostable Packaging” in subsection 12.202(f)(3) of the ordinance.

1. Third-party verified compostable products – must be BPI Certified Compostable or Cedar Grove Accepted
2. Unlined/uncoated paper products

Temporarily Exempt Materials

The following materials do not meet the definitions for “Zero Waste Packaging” in subsection 12.202(f). However, due to the limited alternatives currently available, these items are temporarily exempt from this ordinance and acceptable through December 31, 2019.

1. Paper food wraps: Plastic or foil-lined (e.g. fast food wrappers)
2. Asian takeout pails: Plastic-lined paper, fold-top style (e.g. Chinese takeout boxes)
3. Portion cups (2 ounce or smaller) and lids: Rigid polystyrene (#6, PS)

Food establishments that choose to utilize temporarily exempt items must provide information to customers to clearly indicate these items cannot be recycled or composted, and must be placed in the garbage. This must be done in print, for example on menus, posted signage, or directly on the packaging.

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