St. Louis Park’s Zero Waste Packaging Ordinance requires that all single-use food packaging used by licensed food establishments be recyclable or compostable. This includes packaging used to serve customers on-site or taken to-go. The ordinance applies to restaurants, bakeries, food trucks, grocery store delis and salad bars, gas stations and any other licensed food establishment.

Businesses that use single-use packaging in-house must have an on-site opportunity to collect the packaging. Recycling collection is required for any recyclable packaging and organics collection is required for any compostable packaging.

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Also: Any items labeled “degradable,” “biodegradable,” “bio-based,” or “plant based” that are NOT certified compostable.

*Asian takeout pails temporarily exempt until July 1, 2020.*
Recycling and organics collection

If recyclable and/or compostable packaging is used to serve customers in-house, businesses must collect those items for recycling and/or composting.

- If trash receptacles are available to customers, recycling and/or organics containers are required “front of house.”
- If trash receptacles are not available to customers (i.e. staff handle discarded packaging “back of house”), containers are not required “front of house.”

Packaging products

Temporarily exempt – until Jan. 1, 2021

- Paper food wraps and liners (e.g. fast food wrappers)
- Portion cups and lids (rigid polystyrene #6, two ounces or smaller)
- Molded fiber products
- Paper plates

A food establishment that chooses 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 information must be provided in print in one of the following ways:

- Labels on exempt items
- Text on menus
- Posted signage (easily visible to customers)

Excluded – not included in ordinance

- Stir sticks
- Items prepackaged by the manufacturer, producer or distributor
- Plastic film less than 10 mils thick, including plastic bags

Allowable upon request

- Straws

Businesses

Temporarily exempt – until Jan. 1, 2021

- Catering activities of any food establishment
  - Except at city-owned properties with recycling and organics collection

Excluded – not included in ordinance

- Businesses that are not licensed food establishments
- Patient care areas of healthcare facilities (e.g. hospitals and nursing homes)

Hennepin County assistance

Free

- Bin set up, labels and signs
- Educational and promotional materials
- Staff trainings

Business grants

- Up to $50,000
- Start or improve recycling and organics recycling
- Initial hauling costs and bags for new organics programs
- Bin and equipment purchases
- Installation
- Improvements to loading docks and waste container enclosures (fenced in areas)

Visit hennepin.us/businessrecycling or call 612.543.1316

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