



# NEW FOOD SERVICE PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Effective **January 1, 2017\***, District businesses and organizations using disposable products for food service may only use recyclable or compostable materials when serving consumers. Affected businesses and organizations include restaurants, delis, cafeterias, caterers, food trucks, street vendors, faith-based organizations, and other organizations that serve food. Food items packaged outside of the District are not subject to these requirements. Examples of compliant food service products can be seen below.

## COMPLIANT PRODUCTS FOR CONSUMER USE:

- o Products made solely of rigid plastic or made of pulp or paper with or without a plastic coating.
- o Products made entirely of paper or pulp without a plastic coating.
- o Products made of paper or pulp with a wax coating.
- o Products certified compostable by the Biodegradable Products Institute. For a list of certified products, visit [products.bpiworld.org](http://products.bpiworld.org).



**For more information on compliant products, please visit [doee.dc.gov/foodpackaging](http://doee.dc.gov/foodpackaging).**

**\*Regulated entities will have ninety days from the onset of the new requirements to become compliant.**