

Help us make the Chelsea Farmers Market even greener!

In an effort to reduce single-use plastics and excessive waste at the market, the Board of Directors is asking vendors to carefully consider packaging choices.

Often, single-use plastics such as cups, clamshell containers, and spoons/forks/knives do not end up being recycled, and instead become trash. According to Consumer Reports, less than 9 percent of plastics disposed of in the U.S. in 2018 was recycled. Yikes!

Here are some suggestions (not requirements, but strongly encouraged!).

- Can plastic bags be replaced with paper ones?
- Can plastic food containers (such as clamshell containers and cups) be replaced with cardboard ones?
- Can plastic plates be replaced with paper ones?
- Can plastic cutlery be replaced with wood cutlery?
- Can shoppers be encouraged to bring their own bags or containers?

The State of Vermont has already banned single-use carryout bags and plastic drinking straws. Help us take this effort one step further by voluntarily replacing plastic packaging with more environmentally-friendly options.



Don't know where to find alternatives? Here's a place to start:

<https://www.webstaurantstore.com/47129/eco-friendly-disposables.html>

Questions or ideas? Feel free to email Zoe
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