



Recycling & Food Service Requirements



SORTING: Airport tenants are required to sort their waste into designated receptacles.

COLLECTING: Airport food service businesses must provide clearly labeled collection bins and signage in front of house areas for customers and back of house areas for employees.

FOOD SERVICE WARE: Airport food service businesses must use either durable or approved compostable or recyclable food service ware.



Sorting Waste:

Operating Standards for Concessionaires at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (§12); Lease and Concession Agreement (Sections 9.2.5, 23.7)

- Requires concessionaires to separate and dispose of their trash, recycling, composting and used cooking oil in Port designated containers.
- Provides details and waste handling procedures for recyclables and compostables, guidance on liners and procedures for recycling used cooking oil. (Effective on lease execution date)



Collecting Waste:

Operating Standards for Concessionaires at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (§12)

- Requires conveniently located and clearly labeled collection bins for compost, recycling and garbage in pre- and post-consumer areas, for employee and customer use.
- Requires customer facing signage at point of sale and disposal that defines which items are compostable recyclable or garbage. (Effective on lease execution date)



Food Service Ware:

Airport Rules & Regulations (§5.N)

- Requires terminal-based food service businesses providing food for consumption on or off premises to use only approved food service ware.
- Expanded polystyrene or “foam” service ware is prohibited.
- Prioritizes durables over single-use at sit-down restaurants, and compostable over recyclable options for single use service ware.
- Identifies excluded items, describes tenant submittal process and timeframe, and establishes a waiver-request process. (Effective April 1, 2017)

Keeping recyclable and compostable material out of the landfill reduces waste and pollution. By switching to recyclable or compostable packaging, businesses can reduce their garbage utility costs and save money. Exclusive use of compostable service ware gives businesses and their customers the ease of one-step disposal into a compostables collection bin.

Contact the Airport Environmental Department for free assistance and resources for complying with these requirements.

To get this information in other languages, call 206-787-5525.





Free Resources



Request free posters and bin labels by contacting recycle@portseattle.org or 206-787-5525

Restaurant Dining Area (Set of Three)

Restaurant Kitchen Collection (Multiple languages available)



Collection Bin Labels



Collection Service Providers



RECOLOGY CLEANSCAPES

GARBAGE | RECYCLING
206-250-7500
INFO@RECOLOGYCLEANSCAPES.COM



CEDAR GROVE

COMPOSTING
877-994-4466
HELP@CGCOMPOST.COM



WASTE MANAGEMENT

REGULATED WASTE
800-592-9995
RECYCLENW@WM.COM

Vendor Information

Contact the Airport Environmental Department for packaging, bins and service information:

Food Service Ware & Packaging

Contacts for suppliers and manufacturers of compostable and recyclable packaging



Collection Bins

Available in various size and color options



Bag Guidelines

- Black bags for garbage.
- Clear bags for recyclables.
- Approved compostable bags for food & compostables.

