



REUSABLE FOODWARE: THE BEST CHOICE BY EVERY MEASURE

Reusable foodware saves businesses money, is safer for our health—even during a pandemic—and is better for the planet.

Reusables can save you money.	Reusables are safe, even during the pandemic.	Switching to reusables means...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusables cost less than disposables. Compostable cups and plastic utensils are about 60x more expensive than reusable ones. • Even accounting for dishwashing and purchase costs of reusables, small businesses participating in the ReThink Disposable program save between \$3,000 to \$22,000 /year by switching to reusables. • Reusables improve the dining experience and build customer loyalty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-use plastics and other disposable materials DO NOT protect us. The COVID-19 virus lasts LONGER on plastics than paper and other materials. • Reusables do not increase COVID-19 exposure to consumers or employees following routine food safety and hygiene protocols, such as washing dishes in soap and hot water. • Try contactless filling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The customer places the mug on a tray, ◦ The server fills the mug without touching it and hands the tray back to the customer. ◦ Learn more at #contactlesscoffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less plastic entering the water we drink, air we breathe, and food we eat. • Far lower climate impact than single use alternatives – about 85% fewer greenhouse gas emissions. • Protecting low-income communities and communities of color from pollution by fossil fuels, recycling processes, and burning plastics. • Reducing your customers' exposure to toxic chemicals from single-use plastic foodware and can make us sick.



LEARN MORE:

- [#contactless coffee: https://www.citytosea.org.uk/contactless-coffee/](#)
- upstreamsolutions.org/reuse-vs-single-use-economics
- rethinkdisposable.org

