



RP BADFive Free Compliance

How to easily comply:

1. No expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam or plastic ToGo/Leftover Containers are used.

Expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam, a type of plastic typically used for inexpensive, disposable products (such as cups, plates, clamshells, etc.), are often found in the majority of beach cleanups. EPS foam impacts marine life, ecosystems, the ocean and coasts. While we recommend using paper and cardboard options, they may not work in all situations. The first of the three R's of conservation is to REDUCE, so finding ways to create less waste and embrace reusable items whenever possible should be a top goal, which can also lead to cost savings. At this time we recommend plant based products as opposed to biodegradable and compostable ones.

2. No Plastic/plastic lined Cups/Lids/Straws.

Reusable cups for inhouse drinks like ceramic mugs, glasses and plant lined paper cups to go. Choose to reuse! Offering a small discount for customers that bring their own coffee mug or drink cup will build loyalty and reduce waste. Reusable items are a top choice for retail conservation and can make the biggest impact for a clean beach and ocean.

We recommend no lid but because that is not always possible, we suggest PLA based ones which are made of plant based materials and can be composted in an industrial facility - that we do not have in our area - hence, the lesser evil.

Paper straws are available in every shape and format, from wide milkshake straws to elegant cocktail stirrers. While skipping the straw is the best option, using paper-only for the few customers that still want one. By asking people to request a straw rather than automatically handing them out or placing them in drinks. By refusing to offer plastic straws you reduce the item found most in beach cleanups.

3. No beverages are sold in plastic bottles.

Plastic bottles are another top-ten item collected at beach cleanups. If hermetically sealed containers are necessary, glass or aluminum are alternative options. Discounts to those that bring their own container is a welcome gesture.

4. No plastic bags are offered for ToGo orders or Leftovers.

Plastic bags are a top threat to ocean wildlife. If you need to provide a bag to customers, please make it a paper bag and/or start a reusable bag program. Choose to reuse! Offering a small discount for customers that bring their own reusable bag will build loyalty and reduce waste. Reusable items are a top choice for retail conservation and can make the biggest impact for a clean beach and ocean.

5. Real silverware is used and sustainable utensils for takeout food are provided only upon request.

Not everyone who gets ToGo food needs utensils. Some people may take food home while others may carry utensils in their backpack or car. This is another example where asking people to opt-in can reduce the use of disposable items and save you money! There are a variety of affordable wooden utensils on the market for those that need them.