

FALMOUTH PLASTICS REDUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The mission of the Committee is to solicit input from food establishment owners and representatives, and from advocates of plastic waste reduction, in developing regulations to **reduce, or eliminate, the use of disposable plastic containers and utensils by food establishments in Falmouth.** The Committee will consider cost implications for businesses and consumers as well as the environmental impacts of disposable plastic.

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DISPOSABLE



REUSABLE



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PLASTIC



NON-PLASTIC



DRAFT REGULATION

- Reusables (durable) when feasible.
- Disposables when needed:
 - Compostables (wood, paper, fiber) for most applications.
 - Foil and aluminum for certain applications.
 - No. 5 (PP) plastic for certain situations where a viable non-plastic alternative does not currently exist (*e.g.*, drink lids, products requiring shelf stability). No black plastic.
 - Avoid PLA until industrial composting is readily available.
- Accessories upon request or self-service only.
- Waiver process for specific products and applications.
- Health Department to regulate and enforce.

SUPPORT NEEDED

- Actively support development of a Cape-based industrial composting facility.
- Support implementation of a Town-wide composting program.
- Support a compost and waste separation education program.
- Expand the Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator position to accomplish these tasks and to manage updates to this regulation based on advancements within the Town, County, and across Cape Cod.