

Minneapolis has rules on containers used for serving food and drinks.

- All food businesses licensed in Minneapolis must follow Green to Go rules
- Caterers, hospitals, and nursing homes do not need to follow Green To Go rules

Green To Go rules apply to food and drinks meant to be eaten immediately or taken to go. Food and drinks must be put in containers that are either:

- Reusable
- Recyclable
- Compostable

Recyclable Plastics

Choose recyclable plastics with a #1, #2 or #5.



Compostable Plastics

Choose compostable plastics with the BPI certified logo.



Not allowed

- Black plastic
- #6 plastics (polystyrene)
- Styrofoam™ (expanded polystyrene)



Exempt items

These items do not need to meet Green To Go rules:

- Utensils
- Straws
- Stir sticks



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For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact Environmental Health at health@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-2301. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-263-6850.

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Packaging food onsite

Individual servings of food and drinks must be in packaging that meets Green To Go rules.

This does not include:

- Foods prepackaged by a manufacturer, producer or distributor
- Plastic films less than 10 mils thick

Be aware

Some products promoted as green or good for the environment do not meet Green To Go rules.

Collection bins

Food businesses must provide collection bins for each type of material used.

- Recyclable materials must be recycled
- Compostable plastics must be collected as organics and sent for composting



Hennepin County

Hennepin County offers grants, signage, and technical assistance to businesses. Visit hennepin.us/business-recycling, email businessrecycling@hennepin.us or call 612-543-9298.



MNimize business assistance

MNimize is a non-profit that helps to provide:

- Financial support: get up to \$1,000 worth of containers that meet Green To Go rules
- Technical assistance: get help finding reusable and certified compostable packaging alternatives
- Staff training

Contact MNimize

- Call 651-292-4664
- hello@mnimize.org



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