

Single Use Plastics	Recommend the City do to increase food waste collection	Food Waste Collection	What would you recommend the City do to increase recycling in Newton food establishments?	other comments .
customers do not like paper straws	Simplify and educate	As long as it doesn't cost too much, we are 100% support	Force landlord to provide recycling	we want to do but cost a lot more and space
Our plastic cutlery is made by Preserve, a company that uses recycled plastic and has a program.	Offer free service	I would like to see the practice become more commonplace.	Again Encourage, develop and institute	I do some recycling by taking all cans and bottles and some boxes home, but I can't do all recycling needed as I don't have the space in my restaurant.
Try limit to use as possible.	Make it easy and free	City wide education around the importance of it would be helpful.	Supply appropriate bins for disposal.	In the past we have considered recycling and composting programs (currently only cardboard gets recycled). We have not been able to surmount the challenges of space, cost time and effort
We support green and recyclable. We are willing to do all our best to reduce the use of plastic. However, we cannot find any other material than the plastics for the "hot" soup and heavy sauce food items.	find a reliable company that can service the entire city with weekly pick ups	We have been doing this for 3 years now	It would be very helpful if the City an established a recycling center in the City of Newton for free recycling waste dropoff	Most place don't have a lot of space, so they need a smaller sized dumpster, which means they needs more frequent pick ups. it's been really hard to find a company that will pick up more than 2 times a week. We've also had a lot of missed pick-ups because they don't have enough drivers. Recycling is also really expensive right now because they can't ship it to China anymore.
cost and availability are major concerns. Also, guests don't like the quality	Adding low cost and convenient services	THAT JUST ADDS ANOTHER JOB FOR BUSINESS AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF	Offer free service	Everyone should recycle...it should be a requirement for restaurants
Plastic straws do NOT actually count towards a very large % of pollution...Customers get mad at the business if you charge them for a paper bag, if you speak with the cashiers that have to ask for the money, it's terrible and most of the time the customer's aggravation gets taken out on the cashier or customer service rep. Ask the folks that will be most affected by what the City of Newton decides, not the city members who haven't worked in customer service at all or since they were teens.	Find a place to donate food waste on a daily basis	Pest control is #1 reason it is an issue for restaurants	Implement a city wide program with bins	During COVID we did an increase amount of take out. This might stabilize or increase
We used to have compostable go containers but it got expensive. So I ask customers if they would support a added cost to there bill. Surprisingly overwhelmingly the customers said no they would not feel comfortable contributing to it even as low as \$.50 what it was at the time. Now it's about \$1.25 per container And .25 for utensils	Provide some financial support. It will cost most restaurants more money and we've just had the hardest two year stretch in our industry's history. All costs are going up so really hard to add more.	We only have the cut out part from the lettuce head and onion and avocado skin. And food waste. In a weekly base there probably 2 bags of food waste.	source reliable recycling company that can pick up multiple times a week	I think sustainable resource recycling is very important
Is bad for environmental	Offer a program that is either free or very affordable.	Has nothing to compost	Offer pickup!	Recycles only bottles
I want them gone	Encourage establishments to develop a plan and institute it		While the city provides recycling carts for residents, there is nothing for businesses. Restaurants go through a lot of cardboard, and residential carts are too small to fit enough of it. I wouldn't even mind dropping of cardboard to a local shared recycling dumpster that more businesses can use.	Landlord only allows two bins for five restaurants - could ask for more
We have already switched to all compostable products, subject to their availability	More frequent pick-up	Uses a food donation app	the recycle plants can not handle what they get so the majority goes to a regular dump.	I would like to do whatever I can to recycle and fill my dumpster less with less frequent pick-ups due to less going into the dumpster.
Due to the pandemic, supply chains are hard to acquire containers of any sort	Provide a recommended business/platform on how to compost, with easy sign up, with little to none investments needed.	No issues with smell	PROVIDE A DUMPSTER AND HAVE IT PICKED UP ON REGULAR PICK UP DAYS	Entire plaza (The Street) has a dumpster for recycling
We do not give out plastic utensils anymore with our takeout orders, as most customers are home when ordering, so it would be wasteful. As for containers, it is important to use something that can retain heat for a decent amount of time in order for customers to get their food at least warm, if not hot. Currently nothing does it better than recyclable black plastic containers.	If i received a receptacle for food waste and it was picked up weekly i would gladly do it.	The challenge is handling and separating food waste and the storage of same especially during the warmer months. I would like to learn how this can be done.	Make every establishment get a recycle dumpster	

Can we encourage the customers to bring their own containers to the restaurants?	Provide that service free for all restaurant?	Food waste collection has come a long way in the past 4 decades but still has a long way to go. The digester facility in Charlestown is an impressive operation.	Have it be included with the City's regular pickups.	
many hot soups and juicy dishes, replacement items were used, but they were blast and burned customers. Compare safety issues, we had to choose the good quality plastic soup containers although those are more expensive	If township can arrange pick up twice a week? \$200 budget is fine.		Provide the service free	
The black plastic keep food nice and hot. Bio packs do not.	Pay for The service for everyone		if township set up recycle center or drop cart and pick up, we will do it	
As much as I would love to move away from single use plastics, for takeout it's very difficult to move away from them. Restaurants have been faced with so many rising costs and supply difficulties and many of the more renewable options are more expensive and harder to get. The food quality also suffers (hot food sitting in a compostable container for 30 minutes can start to disintegrate the container, causing bottoms to fall out and a soggy mess delivered to the customers.)	Make it simple and cost efficient		The city should offer curbside recycling like do for the residents in Newton	
We encourage our customers to reuse all appropriate containers	Offer a free service to all restaurants since cost of materials have skyrocket it is nearly impossible to add another cost to this low margin business		If the city provided recycling for commercial use or subsidized commercial recycling in some way that would have the biggest impact. It's an added cost that is difficult for restaurants to afford right now.	
Subsidize/Would join if there was an affordable, co-operative program	Right now we pay for all waste collection (we already pay extra for recycling). If the city helped absorb the costs of recycling and composting it would be far more accessible for us.		Provide recycling dumpster	
Would change if available	Better pricing on compostable materials. City provided compost bin.		Set up, initial incentives and easy access	
Only using plastic cutlery during COVID-19 or special events, thinking about switching back to metal.	Provide recycling dumpsters or bins		Provide recycling canisters.	
Costs are far and away the biggest issue for small business	Expert assistance for setup and grants to help establish a better system		Bins or outside areas dedicated to recycling	
We have tried the paper take out containers but impractical for our needs since it forced us to use more than one container per take out order.	Babe an inclusive program that does not cost more money.		Pay for this service and more restaurants will do it I suppose	
some residents require good quality straws to help with drinking liquids	I would like to hear more about how it work.		Make it cost efficient	
Cost effective is important. The cost of lids for drinks are expensive.	Provide & collect		Tax breaks?	
We are looking at all options to reduce single use plastic products.	Town-sponsored compost, reimbursed costs		Perhaps the city can establish a pick-up service that would come around to the establishment on a periodic basis. I am fortunate that I am able to recycle much of my recyclables at the local RFD in Wellesley. Some establishments may not have the same opportunity	
	Sort the compost? Restaurants cannot take on this cost. Realistically tax breaks on compostable materials so good that buying compostable straws, etc end up costing restaurants the same as the plastic counterparts. If nothing needs to be sorted composting becomes easy.		Too many items to list here	
	Educate us as to how it would work		City pick up @ a lower cost	
	Storage and pest control are significant logistical challenges to overcome. While tempting, regulations verses solution driven thinking is critical. Some type of digester system that is portable. Organic waste is highly volatile and any blip in the disposal chain can cause nasty and expensive problems.			
	Reduce price and better service			
	A cost effective city sponsored collection			