

# The Gainesville Zero Waste News

## The Road to Zero Waste for Gainesville Food Service Establishments

The City of Gainesville has set a goal to go Zero Waste by 2040. To reach this goal, the city has enacted several ordinances designed to reduce consumption, increase recycling opportunities, and improve community aesthetics.

Businesses are encouraged to rethink their waste and recycling practices to divert materials from landfills. Please review these ordinances to ensure that your business meets compliance.



### **Zero Waste Ordinances for Food Service Establishments (Restaurants, Bars & Grocery Stores) effective January 1, 2023:**

- ⦿ Separate and recycle designated materials from the waste stream.
- ⦿ Food service providers shall not sell, use, or offer for sale a single-use plastic straw or stirrer.
- ⦿ Prepared food providers shall only supply plastic utensils, condiment packets, or portion cups upon customer request or at self-serve stations.
- ⦿ Garbage with food waste cannot remain unserved for more than two consecutive working days.
- ⦿ Place an equal number of recycling receptacles with proper city-approved labeling.

For more information on these Zero Waste Ordinances, visit [gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste](https://gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste).

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