



Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Ordinance Overview (Effective April 22nd, 2015)

Modifications to the City’s Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Ordinance requires all packaging from food and beverages prepared for immediate consumption be environmentally acceptable.

Who is affected?

All people, businesses, events, or individuals who serve or give away food prepared for immediate consumption. This includes all restaurants, grocery store hot-cases, mobile and temporary food vendors (food trucks and other event vendors).

Packaging is defined as: Food or beverage cans, bottles, or containers used to package product for distribution including glasses, cups, plates, serving trays, and to-go containers.

Environmentally acceptable packaging is: reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

Exempt items are: foods pre-packaged by the manufacturer, producer or distributor as well as plastic films less than 10 mils thick.

How to comply:

Products	<p style="text-align: center;">PS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plastics: PETE HDPE PP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Required if using compostable plastics: or </p>
Receptacles			<p style="text-align: center;">Required if using compostable plastics</p>

Enforcement: Provisions of this ordinance will be enforced during routine health inspections.



Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Compliance Assistance (Effective April 22nd, 2015)

Concerned about increased cost?

Get pricing estimates from several product supply companies, contact your local business association, or make collaborative purchases with other businesses near you. Purchasing larger quantities results in cost savings. See “*Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Product Supply Companies*” document for suppliers and product lists.

Assistance from Hennepin County

Free Support for:

- Receptacle signage
- Program development
- Establishing collection set up
- Cost savings estimates
- Educational & promotional materials

Business Grants:

Grants are available to assist in all program design, set-up, container purchasing, potential enclosure improvements, and cost of collection and switching to reusable or compostable products for first several months.

For more information about assistance available from

Hennepin County visit: www.hennepin.us/BusinessRecycling



City of Minneapolis CPED Loans

The City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department provides loans and a Businesses Technical Assistance Program that provides consulting support to businesses located in the City of Minneapolis.

For more information contact:

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or visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/CPED/ba/BusinessSupport

No recycling offered at your rented business location?

The City has a Commercial Recycling ordinance (Section 174.435) that requires the building owner or its designee to provide recycling containers for materials generated on site. If there is no recycling at your rented business space, contact:

Mike Rumppe

Minneapolis Fire Inspection Services

612-673-3143

For questions or more information regarding the Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Ordinance contact Minneapolis 311.

If you would like this information in an alternative format, please contact Neighborhood & Community Relations at (612) 673-3737.