

**2014 Food+ Program Proposals
To Reduce Cross-Contamination
Between Compostable and Recyclable Products**

	Action By Ordinance	Notes	Effective Date
A	Compostable meat, produce and similar trays must be tinted brown or tan.	These products are available and already in service. But white compostable trays are indistinguishable from "Styrofoam."	January 1, 2015
B	Grocery and retail stores may not use petroleum-based plastic film bags that are tinted green or brown. These colors reserved for compostable bags.	Ends customer confusion caused by green petro-plastic bags used for vegetables and some green heavy carryout bags, both of which are ending up in Food and Yards Waste bins.	January, 1, 2015
C	Signage required to inform self-service customers which products they're using are compostable, which recyclable.		January 1, 2015
D	All food service ware and packaging for "dine-in" customers shall be compostable, except hot and cold beverage cups which can be recyclable; food courts will be considered "dine-in."	These products are available and already in service.	July 1, 2015
E	All food service ware and packaging provided for "take-out" customers must be compostable, except hot and cold beverage cups which may be recyclable.	Suitable products are already on the market. Possible option: Unless clearly marked "Do Not Compost – Recycle When Clean" or similar.	January 1, 2016
	Action By Director's Rule	Notes	Effective Date
F	End of the exemption from the Food+ ordinance allowing non-compostable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disposable cutlery • drinking straws • straws and picks for bar beverages • portion cups in certain small sizes • foil-faced wraps 		July 1, 2015
	Administrative Actions	Notes	Effective Date
G	Manufacturers and users of compostable food service ware and packaging may voluntarily, as an option mark, their products with a City of Seattle logo designating compostability.	Will help customers understand where to properly dispose of various products.	Second half 2014